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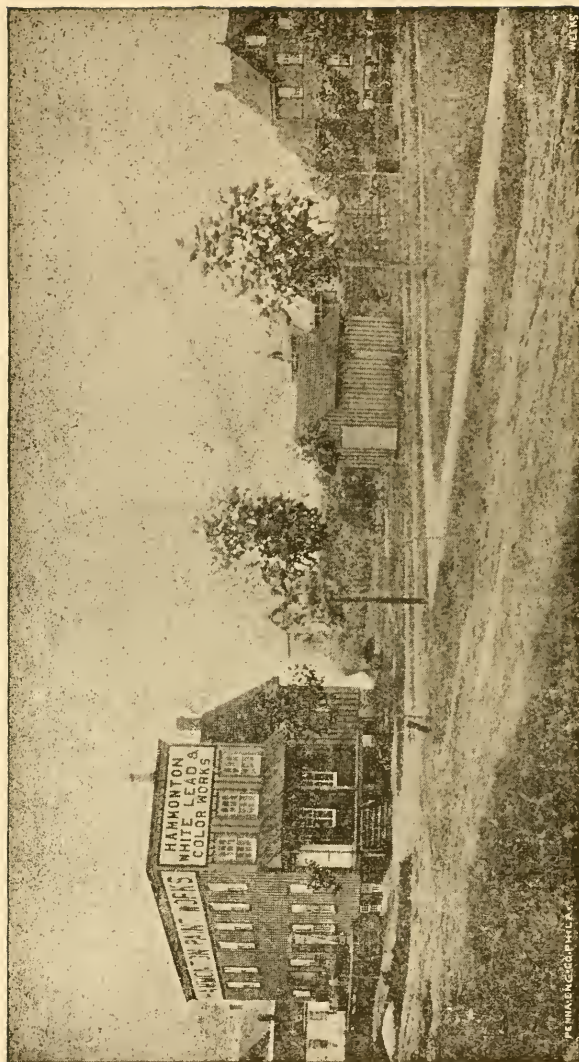
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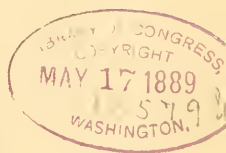
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HISTORY OF HAMMONTON.

CHAPTER I.

WHENCE CAME THE LAND.—WEST JERSEY AND ITS SETTLEMENT.—THE BOUNDS OF OLD GLOUCESTER, ETC.

It isn't so very long ago, that land was the prerogative of kings, and was doled out to feudal lords, friends and retainers in royal fashion, and if the people got it at all it was from the king. Enough of this existed two hundred years ago as to cause Charles the II to give his brother, the Duke of York, a royal charter for the land embracing the present states of New York and New Jersey. In 1664 the Duke deeded to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, the territory known as Nova Cæsaria, New Jersey, and eleven years later Carteret sold his undivided half of the territory to John Fenwick, in trust for Edward Byllinge. Dissatisfaction was the result of this transfer, and Byllinge made over this possession to his creditors, putting it in the hands of trustees, of whom William Penn was one. The trustees immediately went to work to put the lands of their trust in the market for settlement, the first step being to secure a division of the territory, separating their half from that owned by Lord Berkeley. The dividing line accordingly agreed upon began at Little Egg Harbor bay, and ran nearly North to a point on the Delaware river just above the forty-first parallel of latitude. The part South and West of this dividing line became the province of West Jersey, and was divided into one hundred parts, ten of which were assigned to Fenwick, before mentioned, and ninety parts remained to be sold for the benefit of

the creditors of the said Edward Byllinge. The holders of these ninety parts in the order of their purchase, became the West Jersey Proprietors, mentioned in the history of this province.

The plan of peaceable intercourse and understanding with the Indians, adopted by Penn in Pennsylvania, was applied to New Jersey, and although enjoying a land tenure running through deeds from Carteret, and the Duke of York, back to the Royal Charles, there was an honest assumption that King Charles had granted titles to lands he did not actually own, and to use a modern expression, was not able to deliver the goods he had conveyed, while the native Indians stood in the way by the right of possession. Accordingly Penn and his associate trustees, through accredited agents, proceeded to back up their title from King Charles by title from Indian chiefs. As this work was accomplished, settlements began and progressed, colonies taking up land at Salem and Burlington, and founding in earnest the province of West Jersey. These first settlers were mostly members of the Society of Friends, and had no trouble in peaceably occupying the soil they had secured.

County lines were established, and wide extent given to these subdivisions of the West Jersey domain. Salem, Gloucester and Burlington were the first counties established. The county of Gloucester was first laid out in 1677, and embraced the territory now included in the counties of Camden, Atlantic and Gloucester.

The present county of Atlantic was not organized until 1837, and had been in existence but nineteen years when the new town of Hammonton received its first impetus.

To particularly trace the land of which the Hammonton tract was a part, back to its original ownership, would be an interesting, although a toilsome task, and exceeding the limits of this little book. Still an intelligent history demands that we examine in brief some of the conveyances and reconveyances through which the soil of our prosperous town has passed.

In 1748 the West New Jersey Society located 33,078 acres of land, and two years later the same society located 36,241

acres additional. This land remained idle and unproductive in the hands of the Society until 1773, when a resurvey was made of the two tracts, which were found to contain 78,060 acres. Another lapse of years followed, and in 1812 Phineas Bond, attorney of the Society, sold the whole tract to Charles Shoemaker, George Ashbridge, Morris Robinson and John and Joseph Paul, of Philadelphia. This vast possession is described in the original deed of transfer, and in the various instruments by which its divided parts were afterwards conveyed, as being located in the townships of Great Egg Harbor, Galloway and Weymouth, in Gloucester county.

The passage of the land from the West Jersey Society, was the beginning of its settlement, by purchase in various tracts by different owners. In 1805, 13,821 acres of this vast possession were sold to William Richards, and in January 1808, Richards sold 654 acres of the above purchase, to William Griffith, Griffith sold his interest in the following August to John R. Coates, and in 1814 this tract was sold by Coates to William Coffin.

August 17, 1743 Mary Kirkbride located 944 acres. This land passed through the hands of the historic Pemberton family, and in 1804 was deeded to the William Griffith who purchased the 654 acres of the West Jersey Society tract previously mentioned. The Kirkbride tract was conveyed by Griffith to Benjamin B. Cooper, by him reconveyed to Griffith by whom it was sold in 1808 to John R. Coates, and by him in 1814 to the William Coffin mentioned above.

These two surveys, containing an aggregate of 1598 acres, comprised the "Old Hammondton" tract. Upon the death of William Coffin in 1844, this property was left by will to John Hammond and Edward Winslow Coffin, sons of the deceased.

Of the above two tracts, the 654 acres originally a part of the West Jersey Society's domain, lay in nearly a square chunk, to the North and East of the present village of Hammonton, taking in the lake, running to a point nearly where the present park borders on Egg Harbor road, and then running North-west in nearly a straight line. The Kirkbride tract began at the Society's corner near the lake, ran North-west and then South to the old Chew road, crossing the present railroad near the Buzby farm, and following the Chew

road to a point nearly opposite the lower end of the lake, and then to the aforesaid Society's corner, or place of beginning.

It may be remarked that the smallest tract cut from the West Jersey Society's 78,000 acres, was a piece of land sold in 1804, and containing 168 and ninety-one hundredths acres, to John Horn, George Horn and Stephen Horn, of the township of Galloway, Gloucester county. This is now the old Horn farm near New Columbia, which is still in possession of descendants of the original purchasers. The price paid was about \$3 per acre.

CHAPTER II.

“OLD HAMMONDTON”’—EARLY TRADITIONS—ITS LIFE, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES.

WHERE tradition leaves off, and actual, authentic history begins, is generally a puzzle in relation to the growth of nations and peoples, and what is true on a large scale, also holds good in an effort to get at the first beginnings in Hammonton.

Traditionally, it is said, that the first settlement, if one or two cabins may be dignified by that name, in the vicinity of Hammonton, was near where the old Egg Harbor road crosses the head of the lake. It is said that this mythical first settler was a migratory son of Erin, and that he kept a groggery at this most lonesome spot in the wilderness. Such a location might have been fit for a “moonshiner,” but could hardly have been a profitable location for a liquor saloon, even at a time when everybody drank. This Irishman’s name was Mullen, and it is barely possible that he may have eked out a feeble existence entertaining the few travelers who in those days journeyed from the city to the sea. Had he a wife, children or other family, tradition saith not, and from whence he came, and whither he went, the guardian spirits of undeveloped history are equally silent.

About the time when our country was having its second war with Great Britain, say 1812, William Coffin, whose father was a native of the island of Nantucket, Mass., and who had settled at Green Bank, Burlington county, this State, came to Hammonton under an agreement with John Coates to build and operate a saw mill. Coffin operated the mill for a couple of years, and then purchased it, with the tract of land mentioned in the last chapter. The mill at the lake, now owned and operated by George W. Elvins, stands upon the site occupied by the mill of the days of Coffin and Coates.

Those were the days of small things, when a little money went a good ways, and trade was carried on by barter rather than bank checks. Still the industrious and economical prospered, and to this class Mr. Coffin belonged. The saw mill was his principal industry until 1817, when in company with Jonathan Haines, then in the business at Clementon, Burlington county, he commenced the erection of a glass factory. Haines and Coffin continued the business until 1821, when the firm dissolved, Haines moving to Waterford, and starting the glass business at that place.

The elder Coffin manufactured glass and lumber until 1836, when he leased the works to his son Bodine Coffin, and his son-in-law Andrew K. Hay. The firm of Coffin & Hay was dissolved in about two years, and then William Coffin operated the works until his death in 1844. Upon the death of the father the factories and the estate passed to the ownership of John Hammond and Edward Winslow, the sons. In 1846 Edward sold his share of the property to his brother John.

The town was named for John Hammond Coffin and was then known as "Hammondton," the "d" having been dropped after the new settlement was begun.

There is little now at the lake to remind one of the days of Coffin. The glass factory was located on what is now the corner of Central and Hammonton avenues, in the middle of W. H. French's blackberry patch. The flattening ovens were situated on the opposite side of the road, near the present residence of Henry Niccolai. What is now called Hammonton avenue, was then Waterford road. The old house on the right-hand side of Hammonton avenue, going towards the lake was the old Coffin mansion, the older part of which was built in 1812, and the larger or main part in 1825, and between it and the lake, was the store, where the Coffin employees did their trading. The larger and more pretentious house, on the corner of Pleasant Mills road, was built by Andrew K. Hay, after he became a rising business man of the region, and before he entered upon his prosperous career at Winslow.

The glass manufactured by the Coffins sought an outlet to the market by being carted to the forks in the Mullica river one and one-half miles below Pleasant Mills, from which point.

it was carried by water to the New York and Philadelphia markets.

The lumber for the original Richards mansion at Batsto, was sawed at the Coffin mill, soon after he began its operation.

"Old Hammondton" was a business and social oasis in the wilderness. When sickness came the doctor was sought in Haddonfield, and it may be that the general healthfulness was due to the fact that the physician was so far away. The preacher came about once in two weeks, and always received hospitality and cheer under the Coffin roof.

Religious services were held in a combined church and school house, which stood back from the old Waterford road and near the Miner Rogers farm. There is an old graveyard there now to mark the spot, in which sleep the ashes of sixteen of Hammonton's early settlers. The oldest grave stone is dated January, 1841, and marks the resting place of Abigail Daniels, and by a strange fatality the last person buried there as late as 1855 was Charles Daniels. In this house the young members of the Coffin family received the rudiments of their education. Later a new house was built where the present Lake School House stands.

In 1840 the Coffin glass works were burned, but were immediately rebuilt, and he then sent to Massachusetts, and imported a new gang of workmen, the old ones having been discharged for cause, and under suspicion of having set fire to the property. Soon after this a post-office was established, and as a matter of course William Coffin became the first postmaster.

Communication with the outside world was by stage, which ran from Camden to Leeds' Point every Wednesday and Saturday, and made the return trips Thursdays and Mondays. This was the "fast" mail route of the primitive days. Richard Cake was the first stage driver, and after him came William Satt. He was succeeded by Captain Kimble who pulled the "ribbons" over the stage coach team, until the building of the railroad caused the stage and the stage driver to move on to a wilder country. It is said that when anything happened that Capt. Kimble couldn't drive the route, his wife

would mount the box, and apply the lash with masculine vigor.

Some idea may be obtained of the social and family life of the people who worked in the factory at "Old Hammondton," and a glimpse may be had of how they lived, by noting the store purchases of the workmen. An entry from Mr. Coffin's day book, runs about as follows: 1 quarter of flour; 5 pounds of pork, 1 pound of sugar; 1 plug of tobacco; 1 quart of molasses; 1 quart of rum; and it is averred that this individual entry was duplicated by nearly every head of a family who worked in the factory. The sameness in quantity of the rum and molasses is singularly suggestive, and demands no comment.

Our way is not the way of the people of "Old Hammondton;" what was scarcely a hamlet, has become a populous, prosperous and thrifty town, and while we may flatter ourselves that a decade of our time is worth a cycle of that of the older time, still an honorable fortune was made in those days, and happiness and good fellowship abounded "at the lake" in those *ante-bellum* times.

CHAPTER III.

BUILDING THE NEW TOWN—BYRNES AND LANDIS—EARLY BUYING AND SETTLING.

THE years just preceding the war of the rebellion, were marked by new efforts to develop and improve South Jersey. Within a few years of each other Elwood, Hammonton and Vineland received their first inception, and the effort began, which turned many acres of the Jersey wilderness into fertile fields and blossoming gardens, and infused new moral and intellectual blood into the life of this region, by transplanting families from New England and New York, to become part of the population of the commonwealth of New Jersey. The "Yankees" in their coming, both acted, and were acted upon. They brought new ideas and methods, which were appropriated by the older towns to their benefit, and as time goes by both natives and new comers in all this section find that in getting better acquainted both are mutually benefitted and blessed.

In 1856, Richard J. Byrnes, a young banker of the Quaker city, and Charles K. Landis, a young Philadelphia lawyer, formed a copartnership for the purpose of engaging in the real estate, stock and note business.

Just across the Delaware, and almost so close as to really be considered a suburb of Philadelphia, was the South Jersey wilderness. Early in their business career, several tracts of this wilderness, in and adjoining "Old Hammondton," were secured by Messrs. Byrnes and Landis to be disposed of as their judgments might dictate. These tracts of land were owned in part by Charlotte Cushman, the actress, by heirs of the Richards family, the Chew and Cooper families, and the Peterson family, of whom the Philadelphia publishing firm are members.

The new proprietors at once began the advertisement and sale of their land, in farms and tracts to suit purchasers. Their headquarters were at the lake in the old Coffin house

Passengers by the newly built Camden and Atlantic Railroad, left the cars at Da Costa, which was then Hammonton station, and was about two miles below our present depot.

May 15th, 1857, the first purchase of land was made of the new proprietors, by Matthew Seagrove, of Philadelphia. This purchase included four acres of land, and an old house, a remnant of the old Coffin glass manufacturing property.

In the summer of the same year, Capt. A. Somerby, fresh from Newburyport, Mass., arrived in town, and purchased a piece of land at the foot of what is now Central avenue. Upon it he erected the first house built in the Hammonton of the new time. It is the house at the lake, now owned and occupied by John Myers, Sr.

All of the first sales of land, and the early improvements, were made in the vicinity of the lake, and mostly on the Pleasant Mills road. In October, 1857, John Myers bought the farm, and soon built the house on that road, now occupied by his son William. The section on Main Road in the vicinity of what is now known as Elvins' corner, was opened up to settlement in the fall of 1857. Capt. Somerby had sold his new house at the lake, and moving up the road purchased the farm now the Ransom nursery, and erected a house upon the same before the end of the year. The Swift farm was taken up by Harry Tucker, a Boston man, and by John W. Champlain, of Dutchess county, New York.

Main road along which these settlements were made, was the old stage road from Philadelphia to the sea. It was a crooked thoroughfare winding through the wilderness. The old road was kept, but was straightened, graded and improved. The other roads about town were surveyed in the Fall of '57 and Spring of '58, and opened up as fast as possible. The people came rapidly, and land was sold with a rush, faster in fact than the roads could be built to give the purchasers access to their possessions.

In 1858 what is now Hammonton Station was established, and Bellevue avenue was opened, to become the main street of the town. The new town had its ups and downs, especially its downs. The war of the rebellion came on, and some of the men who had staked their all in Jersey to subdue the wilder-

ness, enlisted to help save the country. Discouragement arose, and dark days lowered over the infant settlement. But pluck and perseverance characterized the Hammonton pioneers. They were here to stay, and wisely deciding to bear the ills they had until they could conquer them, instead of flying to others they knew not of, they sensibly settled down, to achieve that prosperity as a fruit growing community, which has so abundantly crowed their efforts.

In 1859, the older part of what is now Whiffen Bros.' shoe factory, was erected by the late Capt. C. J. Fay. It stood on Bellevue avenue, between the present site of Fay's drug store, and the Camden & Atlantic railroad. For about five years it did service as a planing mill, and in it Fay's hay, cotton and cider presses were made. From this time on buildings multiplied at what is now the center of the town. John Stewart, of Philadelphia, built the house where Judge Byrnes resides about this time. In the Spring of 1860, A. J. Delano, from the state of Maine, built a small building where the store of S. E. Brown & Co. now stands. For a couple of years it was used as a hotel. The following year, another Maine Yankee, Eli Hanson, by name, invested in hotel number two, purchasing the lot, now ornamented by Wooley's handsome brick block. This building did hotel service till 1866, when it was purchased by Mr. E. J. Woolley, and transformed into a store and dwelling. In a sort of apostolic upper chamber in this building, Mr. Woolley's son Dion produced the *Hornet*, which in time evolved into the *Atlantic Mirror*, of which more further on. The old house was moved to its present location on Vine street, to make room for the brick block before mentioned. The building now, and for many years known as Tilton's store, was commenced in 1861, but it came to a standstill when in an unfinished condition, and remained so until 1864, when P. S. Tilton and Pardon Ryan, of Smith's Landing, purchased the unfinished structure, completing it, and starting the store which still holds a most prosperous and honorable place in the merchantile life of the town. Mr. Ryan retired from the business in about two years. This building for a number of years was the accommodation post office, when the main office was out at Elvins' corner.

Early in 1861, Messrs. Landis and Byrnes parted company, the partnership existing between them being mutually dissolved. Mr. Byrnes remained to grow old and ripen with Hammonton, while Mr. Landis went over into Cumberland county, and on the 8th of August in that year stuck the proverbial first stake in what has become far-famed Vineland. He still resides there, but his attention is principally absorbed in looking after Sea Isle City, the successful summer resort he founded on Ludlam's beach.

Hammonton remained a part of Mullica township until 1866, when finding that she was old enough to go the journey of life alone, application was made to the Legislature for a charter to permit her to set up in business for herself. The bill granting this privilege was a somewhat voluminous document, and was approved March 5th, 1866. Under its provisions an election was speedily held, the event taking place on the 14th of March. The election was held in Elvins' Hall, corner of Main road and Bellevue avenue, the following officers being elected: Council for two years, Peter S. Tilton, Thomas Wetherbee, Gerry Valentine; Council for one year, John C. Bryant, Isaiah Potter, Jesse Thomas. Assessor, George F. Miller, 3 years; George W. Pressey, 2 years; A Somerby, 1 year; Collector, Geo. Elvins; Town Clerk, E. F. McKean; Justice, Alonzo Potter; Constable, S. W. Gilbert; Poundkeeper, H. T. Pressey; Overseer of Roads, William A. Elvins; Commissioners of Appeal, H. F. Crowell, S. M. Catheart, James Duple; Town Superintendent, D. B. Snow; School Examiners, F. R. Brace, Asher Moore; Judge of Election, Asher Moore; Freeholders, William A. Elvins, John C. Bryant. A town tax was voted as follows: Dog tax, \$1.50 per head. For town purposes, \$1,000. For Schools \$3 per scholar. At the first meeting of Council, Thomas S. Wetherbee was elected president, Peter S. Tilton, Councilman-elect, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Moses D. DePuy was elected to fill the vacancy. A series of conferences or conventions with the township committees of the townships of Mullica and Hamilton, were held lasting into the summer, for the purpose of apportioning the assets and liabilities of the various townships, so that the burdens and benefits should

rest justly upon all. After a time this task was duly accomplished.

When Messrs. Byrnes and Landis took possession of their domain in Jersey, they put in the field as selling agent, Judge George A. Walker, of Philadelphia, and he kept the post office at the lake until 1859, when George H. Brigham, who lived at the corner of Fairview avenue and Main road, was appointed post master, and dispensed the mail matter from his residence. In the fall of the year, the administration of President Buchanan conferred the honors of postmaster at Hammonton upon Capt. C. J. Fay, and the post office was moved to his store near the railroad. He remained in charge of the same until the universal change which the war brought about in the civil service, and in 1862 George Elvins was appointed postmaster, and removed the main office to his store at the corner of Main road and Bellevue avenue. A branch office was kept at Tilton's store, but this was discontinued by the government about 1883. Mr. Elvins was succeeded by his wife, who served during his term in the Legislature, and he again succeeded to the office, and held it until his time ran out in 1887, when C. F. Osgood, was appointed by President Cleveland, and is now the efficient and respected incumbent of the position. Mr. Elvins fitted up the present cozy and attractive office. A branch office to accommodate the farmers of that region, is kept at Mr. Elvins' store.

The first man to embark in pear culture in Hammonton, was Henry S. Ferris, on Main road near Walker. He still resides on the property.

To a woman belongs the honor of building the first store. It was at Old Hammonton, and is still standing, the second building on the right hand side of Pleasant Mills road as you turn at the lake. The owner was Charlotte H. Speakman.

The first child born in the new settlement was a son of William Hamlyn, who lived at the time on the place now owned and occupied by L. H. Parkhurst. This new comer was presented with a new dress by Judge Byrnes.

The first blacksmith shop was built and owned by William Stimson, on what is now known as the Almy place on Bellevue avenue.

In 1859 A. W. Horton built the first house on Bellevue avenue. It was located where M. L. Jackson's meat market now stands. The house was afterward removed to Grape street, and is now occupied as a residence by Mr. Harrauld.

George Henry put out the first strawberry patch, to raise the berries for the market. It was on the farm at the corner of Fourth street and Bellevue avenue, now occupied by Capt. Swank.

In 1866, the year of the town's incorporation, a local census was taken, and it showed the town to contain 1422 inhabitants; Horses, cattle and swine 581; number of acres assessed, 19,064; number of acres in cultivation, 2,031; There were planted in strawberries, 304 acres; in blackberries 212 acres; in cranberries, 40 acres. In the town were 53,000 grape vines; 23,906 pear trees; 677 quince, 829 plum, and 1,350 cherry trees. Number of dwelling houses, 365; school houses, 4; churches, 2; mills and factories, 4; whole number of buildings, 383. The real estate of the town was valued at \$596,319, and the personal property at \$169,132.

On the 6th day of June, 1866 there was a grand strawberry exhibition in town, and among the exhibitors of big berries, were W. F. Bassett, Dr. Bowles, G. W. Pressey, G. Valentine, Capt. Burgess and a host of others not now residents of town. The most interesting feature of the exhibition was the visit of a delegation from the far-famed Farmers' Club of New York. Among the visitors were Solon Robinson, then agricultural editor of the New York *Tribune*; P. T. Quinn, of Newark, Chas. Downing, of Newburg, N. Y., and a score of other horticulturists, besides the railroad officials who accompanied them. They were driven about town, and feasted upon the fat of the land. Visiting Atlantic City, they returned to spend the night in Hammonton, and in the evening a public meeting was held, at which the visiting dignitaries made speeches to the edification of the Hammontonians. It was a sort of a boom for the town, and the affair was elaborately reported in the *Tribune*, whose agricultural editor, Mr. Robinson, and editor in chief, Mr. Greeley, were warm friends of Hammonton, Vineland and other fruit growing towns in South Jersey.



STORE OF P. S. TILTON & SON.



STORE OF S. E. BROWN & CO.



RESIDENCE OF D. COLWELL.



RESIDENCE OF P. H. JACOBS.

Returning to the matter of early settlers, it may be mentioned that during the first year, (1857) John North, Peter Moran and Joseph Biddle purchased land, as did William Gibbon, James and Thomas Trafford, John Lawrence, Henry S. and Thos. Wetherbee, Henry L. Ferris, who planted the first pear orchard, S. F. Twomey, S. C. Miller, Charles Higginson, M. M. Merrill, E. T. McKean, for several years town clerk, W. Davidson, Henry Tucker, John W. Champion, and Lewis Downs. Benjamin Henshaw came in the fall of 1857, and lacks only a few days of contesting with Capt. Somerby, the honor of being the first settler.

Among the arrivals in 1858, were Ezra and Orin Packard, Sidney Moody, George Taylor, and William Black, the store-keeper. There also came during that year, Thomas Pascoe, Eri Wells, E. R. Jenkins, John Buckley, Thomas Tibbetts and Robert Putnam, who after having lived in Virginia for a number of years, has returned to Hammonton. Mr. Putnam erected the house on Pine road now occupied by Mr. Tudor. H. N. Parkhurst, father of L. H. and Merrill, was one of the fifty-eighters. He built part of the house and cleared some of the land of the present L. H. Parkhurst farm. This farm and that of Merrill's adjoining it, are among the best in town. F. Priestly, J. Budd, C. A. Mintzer, E. A. Heston, Henry T. Pressey and C. E. Roberts, came here the same year. Andrew Elvins, father of William A. and George arrived in 1858, and erected the store, corner of Main and Bellevue. In it was Elvins' Hall, where the public meetings of the early days were held. George, the present store keeper, and ex-assemblyman and ex-post-master, and William A. one of our most prosperous farmers, clerked in their father's store. Hiram Crowell was one of the fifty-eighters, as was Dr. Joseph H. North. Dr. North bought and cleared what is now the Daniel Colwell farm on Fairview avenue. Dr. North started what is now Mr. Colwell's large pear orchard, from which he shipped this year 300 barrels of pears. The Doctor sent all the way to France for some of the trees in this famous orchard. Dr. North still resides here, and although an octogenarian, his interest in Hammonton is as lively as ever. This activity may be shown by stating that within the past

few years he cleared the land and planted a peach orchard of 4,000 trees.

In 1859 Mr. Kirkpatrick built the house now owned by Samuel Anderson, the well-known owner and breeder of grade Alderneys. The same year Rev. Asher Moore, father of Russell, of the woolen mill, H. W. Loring, Rev. Wm. Passmore, Daniel Baker, A. Ellis and Warren T. Pastor made purchases. L. Monfort, the Middle road pear grower, was among the fifty-miners. He is the premium pear grower of the town. His crop of Bartletts last year (1888) amounted to over 500 barrels. Lewis Hood, G. C. Hooker, S. W. Gilbert and A. G. Clark, came this year. Mr. Clark built the block of buildings just below Second street on Bellevue. He now resides in Vineland. Undertaker Gerry Valentine, late coroner, and for several years a member of the Council, left his Massachusetts home for Hammonton during 1859.

Among the arrivals in 1860 we have H. A. Andrews, Alonzo Potter, H. G. Newton, William F. Trost, Abel Fairchild, Daniel Heller, and F. S. Robbins. T. J. Smith, of the State of Maine, and now one of our largest house owners, came this year, as did George W. Pressey, the inventor, who built a blacksmith shop on the lot now occupied by C. E. Hall's block, corner of Bellevue and Central avenues.

Most of the early settlers mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, or members of their families, are still residents of Hammonton.

CHAPTER IV.

HAMMONTON—ITS LOCATION, GOVERNMENT, SOIL AND CLIMATE.

HAMMONTON is the North-east town in Atlantic county, and is situated about thirty miles East by South from the city of Philadelphia, and about equal distance from Atlantic City. It has two competing lines of railroad, the Camden & Atlantic, which is a part of the Pennsylvania system, and the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railway, which is operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Company. These lines are both well equipped, and the railroad accommodation, whether for passenger or freight-traffic is excellent. Besides these two railroads connecting Philadelphia with the seacoast, running on the northern border of the town is the New Jersey Southern Railroad, a direct route from the Delaware bay to New York. This is also operated by the Philadelphia and Reading and gives the town ample outlet for the products of its farms and factories.

The soil of the town varies. There may be found light sand and sandy loam, while the land bordering on the swamps and streams is more of an alluvial deposit. No one claims for it the depth and natural richness of the lands of the Mississippi Valley, or the Western prairies. But it is susceptible of a high state of cultivation, and responds quickly to the care and culture of the experienced husbandman. It is wonderfully well adapted to fruit and truck raising, and has charms to attract the general farmer, as a survey of the many fine farms will prove.

Considering its nearness to the great centers of population, where live the consumers who make the best markets of the country, and the consequent small cost of transporting the products of the farm to the consumers, with its excellence of

climate, and it may be claimed that Hammonton has advantages comparable if not superior to the great West.

Providence has favored no one locality with all the signs of bounty, or advantages, social, material and educational, but we claim for our town a full share of all those attractions which make life pleasant and labor profitable.

Idleness, intemperance, and extravagance tend always and everywhere to failure if not to want, and the misfortunes of trade, speculation and business effort visit at times the best of men and the most favored communities, and we claim no Utopia where none of these misfortunes enter. But the success which follows earnest effort and honest toil has been, and can be achieved here in as great abundance as in any locality in our favored country.

In about thirty-nine and one half degrees North latitude, Hammonton has a climate as warm, or warmer than Richmond, Va., the temperature being modified by the proximity to the ocean. Nothing can be more complete in the way of climate than the Springs and Falls of South Jersey. That intermediate period of freezing and thawing, and universal mud, which follows early Autumn and precedes early Spring in more northern latitudes, is here unknown. A few days at most removes all traces of Winter, and we at once pass from what Winter we have, to the time of balmy breezes, opening buds and singing birds. Cold weather, yes, of course, we have it, but it does not last long, and the prolonged season of being frozen up and snowed in is here unknown. The summer heat is tempered by the ocean breezes which fan away that oppressive sultriness which belongs to more inland places.

The climate is conducive to health. People get sick, and die here as they do every where else. But all other things being equal, and the tendency of our climate is to health. Malaria has never been known to originate in this climate, and the diseases which prevail are either such as were brought here from other localities, or are traceable to flagrant carelessness, or the plain work of a hereditary taint. Lying within the Isothermal line, the region of South Jersey, has special claims to consideration as a healthy locality, and

among all the towns in this locality. Hammonton takes the lead in the showing of her vital statistics. The last Annual Report of the State Board of Health gives the death rate of Hammonton as 14 to the thousand for the last year. This is quite a considerable less than any town appearing under a like head.

The people who settled the town of Hammonton came largely from New England, which fact appears in the town government, which is patterned after the New England plan.

The government of the town is vested in a Town Council, composed of six members, three of whom are elected annually. It is their business to audit and order paid all bills against the town for services rendered. They also have legislative powers, and may from time to time pass ordinances for the government of the town, and the regulation of its affairs.

The Council for 1888, as determined by the last town meeting, was composed of the following gentlemen: T. B. Drown, President, and William Bernshouse, Charles Woodnutt, C. S. Newcomb, L. Beverage and D. Colwell. The other town officers for 1888 are as follows: Town Clerk, A. J. Smith; Collector, O. E. Hoyt; Assessors, H. J. Monfort, D. Colwell, D. F. Lawson; Chosen Freeholder, M. L. Jackson; Constables, George Bernshouse, Charles M. Scallin; Town Marshal, Jesse Fairchild; Justices of the Peace, John Atkinson, Maj. C. M. Jordan; Overseer of Highways, W. H. Burgess; Overseer of Poor, George Bernshouse; Judge of Election, J. C. Anderson; Inspectors, H. E. Bowles, M. D., J. T. French; Commissioners of Appeal, George W. Pressey, E. R. Sprul, M. L. Jackson; Pound Keeper, Alex. Aithen.

There are in the town one hundred and fifty miles of streets and roads, so that the overseer has work to do, and holds a very responsible position. The appropriation for roads for 1888 was \$2,000, and considering the amount of surface over which the money has to be spent, and the roads are in good condition. The main roads in the farming district are generally in fine condition, being well graded. There is room, however, for improvement in most of the streets and sidewalks in the village.

In the town, and about a mile from the center, is a fine sheet of fresh water, about a mile long. It is formed by damming a small stream, and is fed by innumerable springs. It affords fine opportunity for boating and bathing in Summer, and for skating in Winter, when the weather is cold enough to form ice of sufficient thickness. Adjoining the lake is a natural grove, and twenty acres of land called the park. This is the property of the town, and is free of access to all residents and visitors, affording in connection with the lake, a fine opportunity for picnics, public gatherings and pleasure parties. The town has only recently come into possession of the property. When improved it will make an attractive resort.

Sanitariums and physicians well know the health-giving character of the climate of South Jersey. Its pine forests, help to charge an atmosphere already remarkably free from the germs of disease, with extra health-giving power. In Atlantic county the acres of these forest lands are as eight to one compared with the cultivated land, and a consequent large opportunity for further settlement, without injuriously denuding her pine forests.

The town has an excellent system of graded schools, with a central Grammar and High school, all of which are manned by efficient teachers, who stand high in the ranks of their calling. The high school course includes the ordinary English branches, and the Natural Sciences, History, Algebra and Geometry. For the current year, the teachers are W. B. Matthews, Principal, and the following associate teachers: Annie L. Weston, Susie L. Moore, Nellie D. Fogg, Grace U. North, Clara E. Cavileer, Carrie L. Carhart, Minnie Newcomb Sara Crowell.

At the last school meeting held in March of this year, an addition was ordered to one of the buildings, to accommodate another school, and provide for the town's increasing school population, so that next year there will be an addition of one to the list of school teachers.

P. H. Jacobs, S. E. Brown, and C. S. Newcomb are the school board, to whom the voters assigned the work of directing the schools.

By provisions of the town Charter, the Council has control of the streets and sidewalks, and of the moral and material interests of the town, and by ordinances regulates, prohibits or licenses public games, and entertainments, provides for lighting the streets, defines nuisances, and fixes the punishment for the same. The question involved in the sale of intoxicating liquors, is determined by the Council, instead of being referred to the Court of Common Pleas, as in the ordinary townships of the State. The sale of intoxicating liquor in any shape or form, except for mechanical or medical purposes, is prohibited in Hammonton by town ordinances, and the law is as well enforced as most of the statutes relating to crimes and misdemeanors.

The sentiment in the town against license is very strong, and an unlooked for change will have to come to the people of the town if Hammonton ever has a licensed hotel, saloon or groggery for the sale of intoxicants. The no license experiment has proved itself thoroughly successful, and an important factor in developing the moral and material prosperity of the town. As a policy, by making it easy to do right, and hard to do wrong, it has saved the young men of Hammonton to themselves, their families and their friends, instead of tempting them to the way which leads down to death, through the legally and publicly endorsed drinking saloon.

CHAPTER V.

HAMMONTONTON CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES, THEIR HISTORY, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

BAPTIST.

THE Baptist denomination early occupied and cultivated the spiritual vineyard in Hammonton. Meetings for public worship were first held in private houses, and in 1859 the church organization was formed. For a time meetings were held in the hall over Elvins' store. In 1862 the infant church called to the pastorate Rev. Thomas Davis, and under the ministrations of this worthy shepherd the flock grew and multiplied, and reached the point where the building of a church edifice was ventured. The building was located on Bellevue avenue, just above the Methodist parsonage. August 16th, 1863, the new house was first opened for public service. About this time Rev. Dr. Kempton, a successful and eloquent preacher from Philadelphia, settled in Hammonton, on account of the health of his family. His services were solicited, and freely given. He served the church faithfully, without fee or reward, for several years. Under the pastorate of Dr. Kempton, the church grew and prospered. Failing health compelled the doctor to give up his labor of love in Hammonton, and the work passed into other hands. In January, 1887, Rev. C. M. Ogden, the present pastor, was called to minister to the Baptist church and people. He is a native of Cumberland county, this State. In 1885 the house of worship was moved from its former site to the present location corner of Third and Vine streets. Since then the membership has nearly doubled. The church maintains a flourishing Sunday School, of which Moses Stockwell

is the Superintendent. It does its full share of missionary, benevolent and church work.

CATHOLIC.

The oldest historie church was the last to have a name and habitation in town. Catholic services were first held in Hammonton in 1881, in the house of the late Lawrence W. Cogley, Rev. Joseph Esser, D. D., of Egg Harbor City, officiating. Attendance rapidly increasing, services were held in what is now Black's Hall.

The inconveniences of this arrangement were so many and so great, that pastor and people were constrained to make an earnest effort to build a place of worship. A handsome lot, of nearly an acre, on Third street was presented by Judge Byrnes, and with the consent of the Bishop the work of building a church was begun. The foundation of a stone church was begun in 1884, by George Bowers and his son, Louis, who donated their labor. Owing to the untimely death of Father Esser, the work was temporarily suspended until the Summer of 1886, when the contract to complete the church was given to William Bernshouse, by Rev. A. Van Riel, the successor of Father Esser. In November of the same year, the corner stone, the gift of Mr. Bernshouse, was laid, and the first Mass celebrated in the new church, St. Joseph's, on Passion Sunday, during the Lenten season of 1887. The church was substantially aided by additional gifts from Mr. Bernshouse, Judge Byrnes, and donations from George Elvins, C. F. Osgood, and others. Henry Schulz, an artist of Hammonton, formerly of Germany, lately presented the church with fourteen large pictures, entitled the "Way of the Cross," and painted by him from paintings by Klein, of Austria.

EPISCOPAL.

In the summer of 1858, Bishop Odenheimer was stopping at the lake, and the matter of a Protestant Episcopal Church was there talked for the first time, and a lot on Central avenue for a church was donated by Messrs Byrnes and Landis, but the matter there rested, nothing practical coming from it. The present St. Marks parish was organized January 16th,

1870, by Rev. William Stewart, of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia. The first officers were: George Andrews, Senior Warden, Harmon A. Tremper, Junior Warden, and the following vestrymen: William Hartshorn, George Johnson, H. S. Seeley, H. L. Poyer and R. J. Byrnes. The corner stone of the church was laid October 23rd, 1870, by Bishop Odenheimer, and the same day he administered the rite of confirmation for the first time in the parish, five persons being confirmed. Rev. William Passmore donated the land upon which the church is located, and was helpful in many ways in organizing and carrying on the work of the parish. The first service was held in the new building May 21st, 1871, Rev. W. V. Beavers, of Philadelphia, officiating. The church had a number of different pastors after the death of Mr. Stewart in 1871, and in 1874 the parish was placed under the charge of the Missionary Convention of Burlington. Rev. George McClellan Fisk was made rector of the parish and served until 1876. During his incumbency the church was admitted to the Convocation of the Diocese of New Jersey, and H. A. Tremper and J. E. Watkis were the first lay deputies representing the parish in convention. The rectors following Mr. Fisk, were Rev. Thomas B. Gordon, Rev. J. Gibbons Gantt, Rev. O. S. Prescott, Rev. G. R. Underhill, who came in September, 1881 and was succeeded by Rev. Lewis K. Lewis and he in turn by Rev. William C. Starr. In October, 1885 he resigned, and in January, 1887, Rev. G. R. Underhill, the present rector was recalled. The parish has a Sunday School and an active Ladies' Aid Society. The parish is financially and spiritually prosperous, and during the past year has built and completed a handsome new rectory at a cost of about \$2,000.

METHODIST.

The followers of Wesley were the first to perfect a religious organization in Hammonton. As early as 1857, Rev. Dr. Johnson, then preaching at Waterford and Winslow, began preaching in the school house at Old Hammonton, at the lake, and in the Spring of 1858, Rev. A. Palmer organized a class composed of the following persons: Henry L. Ferris, Har-

riet L. Ferris, Thomas Trafford, Hannah Trafford, George Elvins, Annie Elvins, Charles E. Roberts, James Trafford, George Henry and a few others. The infant society was attached to the Winslow and Waterford Circuit, and the preacher came every other Sunday afternoon. Meetings were held in Elvins' Hall. George Elvins was the society's first licensed exhorter. The church building was not erected until 1866, and only the first floor was furnished, and the audience-room was completed in 1879. In 1885 the parsonage was built, and furnished, mostly by the Ladies' Aid Society. The church has been blest temporally in various ways, and spiritually in three marked revivals. One in 1868-9, one in 1878-9, and one in 1885-6. In these revivals about one hundred and thirty persons were added to the church membership. The following pastors have ministered to the church since its organization: Revs. Dr. Johnson, A. Palmer, C. H. Kirkbride, J. H. Stockton, A. Getmire, J. B. Turpin, A. Owen, A. R. Jones, H. Warner, J. White, M. Depuy, W. S. McCowan, S. G. Hiler, J. Joraloman, E. Post, J. A. Jones, P. Provost, J. F. Morrill, E. C. Hults, L. M. Atkinson, H. J. Zelley, and C. S. Lawrence, the present pastor. Attached to the church is a large Sunday School, of which W. R. Tilton is Superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Presbyterianism was first established in Hammonton as a local mission-station, but as early as 1861 a church was organized by Rev. F. R. Brace, the present Superintendent of Camden county, assisted by Rev. Allen H. Brown, the efficient missionary of the West Jersey Presbytery. The infant church started out with but nine members, Alonzo Potter, and Morris Sutherland were the first elders chosen. Services were held in what is now Black's Hall, and after the erection of the Baptist church the Presbyterians held one service each Sabbath in that building, until 1866 when the church edifice was completed. The new church was built on a lot adjoining the present residence of D. L. Potter, and when the church moved into the new house, it had a membership of thirty-four souls. In 1878 the building was moved to its present location. Many of the members of this church

were of Congregational fellowship before they came to Hammonton, and the church has quite a cosmopolitan character in a small way. The following is the list of ministers who have served the church since its organization: F. R. Braee from 1861 to 1867; D. W. Pratt from 1867 to 1871; F. G. Austin, from September 1871 to September 1872; William Baldwin from '74 to '75; E. M. Kellogg from '75 to '79; A. S. Vaughan from '79 to 81; E. E. Rogers from '81 to '84; M. J. Mewhinney from '84 to '86. The present pastor is Rev. H. R. Rundall, who was installed in 1886. The church is prosperous, and has a large Sunday School, of which Z. U. Matthews is Superintendent.

SPIRITUALISTS.

As early as 1858, the believers in the "Harmonial Philosophy" held meetings in Hammonton, most of the time the residence of J. B. Lake, on Bellevue Avenue, being the place where the believers and investigators congregated. Meetings were subsequently held, for the purpose of organization, in what is now known as the Ellis or laundry building, then owned by Dr. Ira Nevins. The organization was finally perfected by electing H. N. Parkhurst, president of the Society, with other offices to perfect the organization. In August, 1886, the Society was incorporated under the laws of the State, and officers elected as follows: H. N. Parkhurst, President; J. O. Ransom, Vice President; Russell Ellis, Secretary. The society was named the Progressive Spiritualist Association. The meetings becoming too large for the hall, it was decided in 1867 to erect a building for the use of the Association, and in accordance therewith Union Hall was built, and dedicated on Thanksgiving day of that year. Meetings are held every Sunday, with speaking either by home talent or traveling lecturers and mediums. The hall is about the only place of public entertainment in the place, and is held in almost nightly requisition for that purpose. Some of the most highly respected citizens of the town are members of the Association. The present president of the Society is Merrill Parkhurst.

UNIVERSALIST.

Liberal Christianity has a foothold in Hammonton in the Universalist and Unitarian Society. Among the early settlers of the town was Rev. Asher Moore, a Universalist preacher, who began as early as 1858 to preach the doctrines of his faith in the school house at Old Hammonton. Nothing was done towards organization until some years later, when in 1864 the Universalist Social Circle was organized, the first meeting being at the house of Mrs. H. T. Pressey, December 1st, of that year. The object of the Circle was the equipment of the Sunday School. Meetings for preaching were held at various times and places, and in 1873 the Social Circle took shares in the Hammonton Building and Loan Association, with the view of securing a fund with which to build a church. In 1867 the Society purchased the lot upon which the church now stands, and the friends patiently bided the time when a church building should adorn their lot. In 1876 Rev. Moses Ballou, well known and much beloved wherever the Universalist name was spoken, was engaged to preach here, being then a resident of Atco. He came every two weeks, and services were held in Union Hall. The preaching of "Father" Ballou cemented the hearts of the liberal people, and opened their hands, for the building of the church edifice which was completed and dedicated in 1887. It is the handsomest church edifice in the town. Mr. Ballou preached here until 1878, when failing health compelled him to resign. Rev. Asher Moore, the present pastor, came to the church in 1885. Although of the same name as the first pastor, we believe the two advocates of Universal salvation were not relatives. Mr. Moore is a venerable preacher now in his eightieth year, who will soon complete a half century of service as a preacher of the liberal gospel.

CHAPTER VI.

CO-OPERATION IN HAMMONTON—THE FRUIT GROWERS' UNION—
FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION—BUILDING AND LOAN AS-
SOCIATIONS—PEOPLE'S BANK.

It is less than half a century ago since the question of co-operation took such a distinct shape from the mooted one of communism as to receive practical attention. Communism seeks the surrender of the idea of individual gain and prosperity for the good of the mass, while co-operation aims at the combination of strength and effort, in order that greater benefit may come to the individual. This form of co-operation has reached a higher grade of success in England and on the continent of Europe than in this country. Across the water the co-operative effort has three forms of expression, known as societies of consumption, societies of distribution and societies of credit. The first named are stores, carried on as a means of distributing goods to the members, of guaranteed quality, at a uniform price, and dividing the profits among the patrons and share holders. The co-operative stores have reached a high state of perfection in England; and it is estimated that nearly every town in the United Kingdom has its store of this kind. The societies of distribution are combinations of craftsmen for the manufacture and marketing of the products of their skill. These societies are more numerous and successful in France than any where else. The societies of credit are simply co-operative banks, and the centre of their operations is Germany.

In this country the co-operative store has been a success rather as an exception than a rule. These stores have been started in many towns, to flourish for a brief season and then decay. The causes of the failures have generally been two

fold: first the business incapacity of the managers, or their dishonesty, much more often the former than the latter. The political method has prevailed to a large extent in selecting managers. Favoritism has characterised the selection, men being chosen who were "popular," rather than for their managing qualities. Our building and loan associations answer to the European societies of credit, and are the most successful form of co-operation in this country, those in Philadelphia alone representing a capital of \$100,000,000.

Some of the most successful co-operative societies in this country, may be found in Hammonton. The first on the list is the

FRUIT GROWERS' UNION.

first organized in 1867 as a society for distribution. Its purpose was to combine the fruit growers of the town into an organization for mutual helpfulness, and to market the farm products of its members at the least possible cost, receiving for the same the greatest possible return. By thus uniting, it was found that rebates were secured on freight rates, and percentages from the commission merchants. From these items the small expenses incident to running the society were paid. At the end of the first year, a dividend of \$261.67 was paid after meeting all obligations; the second year, there was a profit of \$200, and this sum has annually been increasing. In 1888 the amount saved to the members was a little over \$9,000.

In 1884, the society took a new departure, was incorporated under the laws of the State, and became also a society of consumption, by engaging in the store business, to the extent of handling fertilizers and other necessary articles used by the farmers. But this branch of the business grew on the society's hands, and soon a general store was opened. It now owns three acres of land, with store building and other structures valued at over \$7,000. Last year the cash sales amounted to \$81,000, the net profit on which was \$5,000. Its goods in stock are inventoried at \$15,000. There is no debt on any of its real estate, and the society's net assets over all liabilities, are \$26,165. A dividend of six per cent. is paid to stockholders, and a dividend of five per cent. on store pur-

chases is paid all members, and half that amount to non-members. The expenses of conducting the business of the society are only 4.8 per cent. on the business, or less than one half of that of the next best co-operative concern in the United States. The Secretary of the society, and the efficient manager of the store business, is Z. U. Matthews, and the Shipping Agent, Charles Woodnutt. The other officers are as follows: President, E. R. Spoul; Directors, L. H. Parkhurst, Charles Albright, Thomas Rogers, Charles Woodnutt, M. Parkhurst, H. J. Monfort, W. F. Trost, Z. U. Matthews. Auditors, A. J. Smith, D. Colwell, L. Monfort.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

In 1880 a number of the members of the Fruit Growers' Union withdrew, and organized the Fruit Growers' Association, which has steadily grown in membership and business transactions. The Association gives all of its attention and energies to the shipment and marketing of the products of its members, and claims to have secured a better service and more satisfactory returns for shippers, than any other society. Pretty much every farmer in town belongs to either the Union or Association, so that there is scarcely an individual shipper of fruit in the whole place; all the farmers seeking the strength which comes from a union of effort in the marketing of their crops.

The Association has been industrious in seeking and adopting improved methods for marketing fruit. They claim to have first demonstrated the success of using refrigerator cars for shipping berries to distant points. During the eight years it has been in business, the losses sustained by members through commission merchants will not exceed ten dollars. John Scullin is the Association's agent, and the following is its list of officers: President, W. A. Elvins; Vice President, Hon. Geo. Elvins; Treasurer, J. W. Lysinger; Secretary, B. Crawley; Asst. Secretary, W. H. Doucet. Directors—D. L. Potter, Hon. Geo. Elvins, Saml. Anderson, Harvey Beach, R. H. Anderson, Levi G. Horn, Chas. E. Roberts, Chas. Wescoat, Saml. L. Forman, J. W. Butterson, E. Cordery, Wm. Ehrke.



FRUIT GROWER'S UNION STORE.



C. E. HALL'S BLOCK.



ELAM STOCKWELL'S STORE.



GEO. ELVIN'S STORE.

One of the means of growth in Hammonton, and especially in the line of building, is its two building and loan associations. In affording the man of small means with the opportunity of paying for a house in monthly installments, as he pays rent, they afford a healthy stimulus to the workingman to become a householder, and the owner of his own home. Last year the new buildings erected in Hammonton aggregated fully \$50,000 in value, and they were many of them erected through the aid offered by these associations.

HAMMONTON LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION

was organized in 1871, R. J. Byrnes being the first President and A. J. Smith the first Secretary. During the past year its "long loans" amounted to \$40,098, and its "short loans" to \$11,647. It has the best record of any like association in the State for the short time in which it has paid off its shares. The present officers of the association are R. J. Byrnes, President; G. F. Saxton, Treasurer; W. R. Tilton, Secretary. Directors, T. J. Smith, A. J. Smith, D. C. Herbert, S. E. Brown, Albert Adams, G. Valentine, W. Bernshouse, T. B. Drown, D. S. Cunningham.

WORKINGMEN'S, LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION

organized January 3rd, 1877, has had a very prosperous career, Dr. Edward North was the first President, and A. C. Wetherbee the first Secretary. Its present number of shares is 2,213, with a par value of \$128,285. Its loans the past year amounted to \$39,657. The expenses of the Association have been conducted at the small cost of one per cent. to the members, and not a dollar has been lost, a loan compromised or a mortgage foreclosed. They sell members \$200 on each share of stock, no bonus being required. The present officers are, President, M. L. Jackson; Secretary, J. C. Anderson; Treasurer, William Black. Directors, George Elvins, C. F. Osgood, D. M. Ballard, J. T. French, D. F. Lawson, A. W. Cochran.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK.

This is one of the most helpful institutions to the business interests of the place in town. The credit of originating the

bright idea which resulted in its establishment, belongs to Edward Whiffen, of the firm of Whiffen Bros. & Co., shoe manufactures. With the co-operation of M. L. Jackson, John C. Anderson, B. Crawley, W. A. Miller and others, Mr. Whiffen succeeded in obtaining a charter, and an organization was perfected on March 12th, 1887. The capital stock is \$50,000, of which \$20,000 are paid. It is a bank of deposit and discount, and not of issue, but pays a dividend to stock holders equal to National Banks of like class. It has one of the most approved burglar and fire proof safes, with time lock, and is otherwise provided with the regulations and appurtenances which insure safety to depositors. The bank has correspondents in New York and Philadelphia, and the accommodations which it is able to grant are equal to those offered by any bank of like standing in the country. Since its organization it has discounted about 2,000 notes. The officers of the bank are, President, R. J. Byrnes; Vice President, M. L. Jackson; Cashier, W. R. Tilton. Directors—R. J. Byrnes, M. L. Jackson, Geo. Elvins, E. Stockwell, Z. U. Matthews, D. Colwell, Edw. Whiffen, J. C. Browning, A. J. Smith, C. F. Osgood, D. L. Potter, G. F. Saxton and P. S. Tilton.

CHAPTER VII.

THE SECRET AND CIVIC SOCIETIES OF THE TOWN, THEIR HISTORY, GROWTH AND OFFICERS.

MASONS.

THE Masonic order, the oldest of the secret societies, and the one which dates its origin back to the days of Solomon, was established in Hammonton fourteen years ago. Among the old Masons who had taken the mystic rites before coming to Hammonton, were E. D. Redman, Dr. H. E. Bowles, C. P. Hill, S. Draper, I. W. Warner, C. P. Wescoat, J. H. Jones, Geo. W. Rich, and Orrin Packard. These became the charter members of the M. B. Taylor Lodge, which was instituted February 19th, 1875. The growth of the lodge has been healthy, and its condition is satisfactory in every way. It numbers about forty members, most of our business men having been initiated into its mysteries. The communications are on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month. The following are the principal officers: W. M., Charles Woodnutt; S. W., Dr. J. A. Waas; J. W., Wm. Haney; S. D., A. W. Cochran; J. D., C. M. Cook; Sec., H. E. Bowles; Treas., H. Poyer.

ODD FELLOWS.

Winslow Lodge, I. O. O. F., is one of the oldest lodges in the State, and was organized in the village of Winslow, in 1846. Since the decline of that glass manufacturing town, the active members of the lodge being mostly Hammontonians, it was moved to this place last Fall. It is one of the richest lodges in New Jersey, having about \$4,000 in its treasury, and has paid out in benefits since its organization the magnificent sum of \$20,000. They have the most commodious lodge room in town, and are in a very flourishing con-

dition. The officers for the current term are as follows: N. G., H. P. Hill; V. G., W. H. Bernshouse; Sec., Geo. King; Treas., M. L. Jackson.

RED MEN.

- Shaumunkin Tribe, No. 87, Improved Order of Red Men, was established Oct. 26, 1886, a team from Pequod Tribe of Atlantic City performing the ceremonies. The order has grown very rapidly, the membership numbering considerably over one hundred. Their hall was neatly furnished at a cost of \$250, and they have a snug sum at interest, besides their well filled wampum belt. Connected with the tribe, is a Chieftain's League, the highest degree of the Red Men's order. The following are the present officers: Prophet, Dr. T. G. Bieling; Sachem, W. F. Maloney; Sr. Sagamore, J. Lear; Chief of Records, George Potter, Asst. Chief of Records, H. P. Blythe; Keeper of Wampum, W. H. Burgess.

THE GRAND ARMY POST.

A Post of the G. A. R. was organized in Hammonton in 1868, but its life was short, and in about a year it had ceased to exist. D. A. Russell Post, No. 68, was organized May 8th 1882, and has had a prosperous existence. Its first officers were, L. H. Parkhurst, Com.; C. F. Osgood, Senior Vice Com.; Jason St. John, Jr. Vice Com.; H. J. Monfort, Officer of the Day; B. F. Henshaw, Officer of the Guard; O. E. Moore Quartermaster; Dr. H. E. Bowles, Surgeon; O. E. Hoyt, Chaplain; William Rutherford, Adjutant. During its existence over a hundred members have been mustered in, and it now has about half a hundred members in good standing. But four deaths have occurred since the Post was established, and one of them being Gen. Herman Biggs, who died from wounds received in the service. Much has been done in the way of furnishing relief to needy and disabled comrades. The present officers are: Com., Maj. C. M. Jordan; S. V. Com., E. L. Cauffman; Jr. V. Com., T. B. Drown; Adjutant, P. H. Jacobs; Surgeon, Dr. H. E. Bowles; Chaplain, W. H. Bradbury; Officer of the Day, H. J. Monfort; Officer of the Guard, George Bernshouse; Quartermaster, J. Atkinson; O. G., W. Jones; I. G., J. Bakeley.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

A local Union of this most efficient temperance organization now doing work in this country, was organized in Hammonton, the sixteenth day of last October. There was a large attendance of the ladies of the town, and a commendable interest was manifested. A delegation from the Atlantic City Union assisted in the organization, and officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. H. R. Rundall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Browning; Recording Secretary, Miss Minnie Newcomb; Treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Lawrence, and one Vice President from each church and religious organization in town. The Union meets every two weeks, and already exercises a wholesome influence upon the public sentiment of the town. In connection with the Union is a Loyal Temperance Legion, of which Mrs. I. V. Allender is superintendent. About one hundred and fifty boys and girls are enrolled as members, and have taken the pledge to abstain from profanity and the use of tobacco and intoxicants.

IRON HALL.

Local Branch, No. 227, was instituted Feb. 27, 1885, with fifteen charter members. The officers were: Trustees, Dr. E. North, M. L. Jackson, and William Haney. Other officers: Past Chief Justice, John Scullin; Chief Justice, Dr. E. North; Vice Justice, M. L. Jackson; Accountant, J. R. Maloney; Treasurer, J. T. French. Since its organization it has had 114 assessments, and paid in sick benefits \$2,325. The present number of members is forty-five. The present officers: Past Chief Justice, H. L. Irons; Chief Justice, John Walther; Vice Justice, M. L. Jackson; Accountant, A. B. Davis; Cashier, J. T. French. Has a reserve fund in the Local Branch of \$790.84. LADIES SISTERHOOD BRANCH, No. 669, was organized Feb. 20, 1888. Officers: Past Chief Justice, Mrs. Geo. Potter; Chief Justice, Mrs. L. Beverage; Vice Justice, Mrs. W. A. Hood; Accountant, Mrs. E. L. Whitmore; Cashier, Mrs. J. T. French.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Gen. D. A. Russell Camp, No. 25, was established April 25, 1888, with W. Cunningham, Captain; F. T. Drake, First Lieu-

tenant, and W. St. John, Second Lieutenant. The present officers are: Captain, F. T. Drake; First Lieutenant, W. St. John; Second Lieutenant, Charles Parkhurst. The camp has twenty-three members. A Sons of Veterans' Cornet Band was organized in December, 1888. It numbers sixteen pieces. Band Master, W. Cunningham.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The Workingmen's Beneficial Association of the Knights of Labor, No. 1480, was organized in Hammonton, on the 17th of March, 1880, with J. S. Thayer as Master Workman. The Society pays funeral and sick benefits, and now has 130 members in good standing. This order has done good work in inculcating temperance ideas, and habits of economy and thrift, and the result is that many of the members own their own houses. It has exercised a conciliatory influence, and has been the means of preventing a number of strikes.

HAMMONTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

The Town has an organized fire company composed of a goodly number of prominent citizens of the town. It has about fifty members. The company has a two story building, with a hall on the second floor. They also have a fire engine, a hook and ladder truck, and a reasonable quantity of hose. The water supply is from cisterns. The officers are as follows: President, Wm. Bernshouse. Trustees, J. W. Myers, J. M. Austin, W. DePuy. Marshal, H. P. Blythe; Foreman, George King; Assistant Foreman, Frank Thomas.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Atlantic Division No. 18, was first organized July 7, 1862. Since that time it has been disbanded and reorganized a number of times, repeatedly rising, Phoenix-like, from its ashes. D. L. Potter and Russell Moore have been the bulwarks of the Division in sunshine and in storm. The present officers are: W. P., Samaria Bernshouse; W. A., Mamie Wood; R. S., N. D. Page; A. R. S., Annie Herbert; F. S., George Bassett; Treasurer, R. Moore; Chaplain, Mrs. Hines; Conductor, Maude Jacobs; A. Con., Hannah Mick; I. S., Hattie Smith; O. S. Mrs. D. L. Potter.

CHAPTER VIII.

FARMERS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN AND OTHER PROMINENT CITIZENS OF HAMMONTON.

RICHARD J. BYRNES

was born in Pennsylvania in 1830, his ancestors being old time residents of the city of Brotherly Love. His step-father, whose name he bears, was an Irish gentleman, who was in the employ of Stephen Girard for many years, and assisted in surveying the grounds now occupied by the college which bears the name of Philadelphia's great merchant prince and philanthropist. When ten years of age Richard went to work in Merriew and Thompson's printing office in Carter's Alley, where the *Pennsylvania Freeman*, an abolition paper edited by the poet John G. Whittier, was printed. A year in the printing office, and the boy was sent to a private school the idea being to fit him for orders in the church. This plan was not carried out, and young Byrnes graduated from the Central High School, and subsequently entered the law office of C. O. Robinson. After the death of Mr. Robinson, he served two years with the silk importing house of Davis & Thatcher, and then secured a position in the Mechanics' Bank. He was the youngest bank clerk in the city, but his promotions were rapid, until he occupied various responsible positions about the institution. Having spare time on his hands he engaged in stock and real estate ventures, and was successful. In his youth Judge Byrnes was quite an athlete, and as a member of the Schuylkill Barge Club rowed in a number of winning races. He met with Chas. K. Landis in 1854, and in 1859 left the bank to enter the real estate and brokerage business, and formed a partnership with Mr. Landis. At the breaking out of the war he assisted in forming a company of cavalry, which he intended to join, had not his

interests in Hammonton prevented. Judge Byrnes is one of the Lay Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Atlantic County, a position to which he has been three times successively reappointed. He is connected with various enterprises in Hammonton, as will be seen by consulting the pages of this history.



GEORGE W. PRESSEY.

Mr. Pressey is a native of the State of Maine, and was born in Waterville, in 1825. His father was a carriage manufacturer, and by the time the young man was eighteen, he had learned carriage building in all its branches. He early gave signs of an inventive genius, many useful tools having been invented by him. He invented the first apple paring machine, and a carriage spring, known as "Pressey and Farnum's lever spring," a wagon attachment which in its day was deservedly popular. Mr. Pressey came to Hammonton in 1860. In 1867 he invented the "Pioneer Stump Puller," which had a wide use all over the United States. Other inventions which followed were the "Pressey Folding Umbrella," a ventilating stove, and a snath fastener for scythes. But

the inventions which have made him best known are the American Star Bicycle, and his incubators and brooders for the artificial hatching and raising of chickens. The Hammonton Incubator and the Pressey Brooder have extensive sale and use among poultrymen. Mr. Pressey, and his daughters Misses Emma and Anna, are extensively engaged in raising chickens, and have reduced the business to a science. They raised and marketed last year about five thousand.

JOHN MURDOCH,

the shoe manufacturer and dealer, is a native of Scotland, and was born "on the banks of Ayr," Dec. 31, 1839. His parents came to this country in 1842; they lived at Bussleton, the suburb of Philadelphia, for a year, when they settled at Weymouth in this county. There young Murdoch lived until 1857, working in a sawmill. Subsequently he worked on a farm at May's Landing, and then learned the trade of a shoemaker. He followed various callings until 1872, when he settled in Elwood, working at his trade. Mr. Murdoch came to Hammonton in 1874, and worked for Elvins and Darling in the old Main road factory. After that he worked for Rogers and then for Osgood & Co., and in 1884 began business for himself. His business has steadily increased both in the store and manufacturing departments, and he rejoices in a reasonable prosperity.

GEORGE ELVINS.

Came to Hammonton from Philadelphia in the fall of 1858. The store building, Main road and Bellevue was erected, and the business carried on under the name, A. Elvins & Sons. After a few years the father withdrew from the business, and the store was carried on by Elvins Brothers. William continued in the firm but a short time when he withdrew, and engaged in business in Philadelphia. George then succeeded to the business, which he has carried on ever since. He was a member of the Legislature of 1881, and postmaster most of the time, when not in the Legislature, during the Republican party's control of the government. Mr. Elvins is one of

our most successful business men. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church.

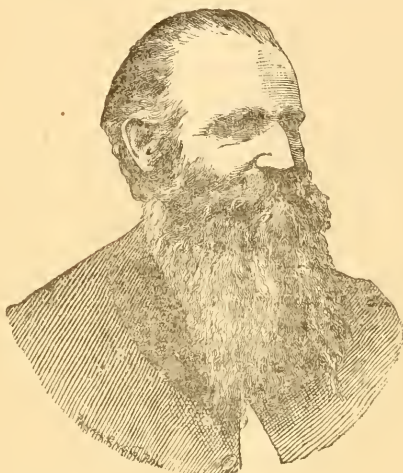
M. L. JACKSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Hartland, Somerset county, Maine, Sept. 25, 1846. In the spring of 1868 he came to Hammonton, and the first work he did in town was to swing a grub hoe, turfing the cranberry bog now operated by H. E. Andrews. He stopped in Hammonton a year, and in that time taught school six months near Green Bank. Mr. Jackson then took a trip west, going as far as Iowa. In the spring of 1870 he drifted back to Maine where the summer was spent. But when he came to take an account of his stock of traveling experience he made up his mind that Hammonton was about the best place he had seen, and in the fall of that year he returned to this place. In the spring of 1871 he formed a partnership with Benjamin H. Bowles, a brother of Dr. H. E. Bowles, and engaged in the meat and provision business. The firm opened store in a small building where Fay's drug store now stands. They bought the lot corner of Bellevue and Second, and in the fall of 1872 built a part of the present market. Mr. Bowles left the firm in 1874. Mr. Jackson now has a finely equipped market, with engine and steam kettle, and does a large business. He is Hammonton's member of the Board of Freeholders, is one of the Directors of the People's Bank, a member of the Board of Commissioners of Appeals, and is prominently connected with various civic and beneficial societies in the town.

Z. U. MATTHEWS.

Mr. Matthews is a native of Oswell, Bradford county, Penna. In 1865 he came to Hammonton, and settled on a farm on Middle road, then known as the Shoemaker place. He also rented a farm at Winslow, and the same summer bought five acres where his present residence now stands. After residing here for five years he went to Dutchess county, New York, where he remained for two years. Returning to Hammonton he built a house on his property. When he came here he was in poor health, and without means. But he had pluck and perseverance and kept right at it, being

determined to make a success. He purchased more land, until he now owns his home farm of eight acres, and two other places of twelve and twenty acres each. About 1877 he took the position of Secretary of the Fruit Growers' Union, then simply a distributing company. In this capacity he served the Union for three years without salary. After the reorganization he had charge of manufacturing fertilizer, and has always been the purchasing agent of the Union. In 1882 he was made manager of the Union Store, which position he still holds. Under his direction the business has become a great success.



J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

The subject of this sketch, J. M. Peebles, M. D., was born in Whitingham, Windham County, Vt., March 23rd, 1822. Early developing a liking for school and books, he began teaching before 17 years of age; and later he taught a high school in Broome County, N. Y. Self-reliant, he prepared himself for college in the Oxford Academy, Chenango County, N. Y., but did not take the collegiate course for lack of funds. At the age of twenty he began the study of medicine with Dr. O. Martin, now of Worcester, Massachusetts, but a little later turned his attention to theological subjects, and

later still to the study of mesmerism, psychology, and psychic forces.

The Doctor, an energetic self-made man, is the writer of numerous pamphlets, and author of nearly a dozen books, such as "Travels Around the World," "Seers of the Ages," "Buddhism and Christianity Face to Face," "Our Homes and our Employments Hereafter," etc. At present he writes for the *Medical Brief*, *Medical Review*, and two or three health journals. During his two journeys of travels around the world, he devoted much attention to the magic of India, the occult forces so prevalent in Ceylon, Siam and China, and to leprosy and the leper hospitals of the Oriental countries. The doctor graduated from the Philadelphia University, and is registered in the city of Philadelphia as a practicing physician, and also in New Jersey.

In 1868 Dr. Peebles accompanied and participated in the deliberations of the "Northwest Congressional Indian Peace Commission," appointed by Congress, and constituted of Gens. Harney, Sherman, Sheridan, Sanborn and Col. Tappan.

In 1869, he was appointed by Gen. Grant United States Consul to Trebizonde, Asiatic Turkey, returning he visited Smyrna, Ephesus and Rome.

In 1881 he was appointed, "Representative abroad" by the National Arbitration League of the United States of America, to meet the "International Peace Congress of Europe," in the interests of arbitration as against war. He continues to work with tongue and pen against war; against the infliction of capital punishment; against vaccination; against class medical legislation; against intemperance; and in favor of woman's suffrage and her full equality with man. And though Dr. Peebles is a Fellow of the American Academy, Jacksonville, Ill., Fellow of the Academy of Sciences, New Orleans, La., Fellow of the Anthropological, and Psychological Societies of London, Fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, Naples, Italy, and of other learned societies, he is a very plain and unassuming man, quietly attending to his own affairs, and found, when not traveling, nor pruning his vines or fruit trees, in his li-

brary, a choice collection of several thousand volumes.

Though at present traveling and lecturing Winters, upon Physiology, Hygiene and Health, in opera houses, churches and before the State, Normal Schools, of Pennsylvania, he finds time to lecture more or less to the students of the American Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in which college he is Professor of Pathology, Physical and Mental Hygiene. He is proprietor of the Hammonton *Atlantic Mirror*, a weekly, edited by H. W. Wilbur, and proprietor and editor of the *Golden Door of Hope and Temple of Health*, a monthly. Dr. Peebles and his excellent family, have been residents of Hammonton for some twenty years.

ELAM STOCKWELL,

was born in Allegany County, New York, in 1838, and came to Hammonton in January, 1867. Mr. Stockwell settled on the farm on Main road now owned by D. Campanella. For some time he ran a wagon to Pleasant Mills and Batsto, and peddled groceries. In 1872 he opened a store in his house at the farm, and in 1876 came down town and built a small store Bellevue and Third street, on the present location. The store was 32x22, with small residence attached. In 1883 he built an addition to the residence, and fitted up the old residence for a dry goods department to the store. Three years later he built a large addition to his store, and a feed depot two stories high 40x72 feet, put up a windmill for grinding corn, and made other improvements. His business has steadily increased, and he now sells in addition to his regular stock, large numbers of organs and sewing machines. Mr. Stockwell is one of the directors of the People's Bank, and a leading member of the Baptist church.

D. C. HERBERT.

Mr. Herbert came to this country from Oxford, England, in 1867, and settled at Newtonville this county, about six miles from Hammonton. In 1870 he moved to this village, and worked in Rogers and Wood's Shoe Factory, and at the end of four years started a shop of his own where he did custom work and repairing. Several years after he bought E. L. Lovell's shoe store, and carried on the same. In 1882 he

purchased a lot and erected a wooden building where his present store is located. This building was subsequently burned down, and his present neat brick store was erected to take its place.

J. D. FAIRCHILD.

The parents of Mr. Fairchild came to Hammonton from Courtland county, New York, and he came with them. They settled on a farm on Central Avenue, and the year following Mr. F. enlisted in the army and served until the close of the war. After the war he studied dentistry, and practised his profession in Connecticut. In 1868 he married Nellie, a daughter of the late Capt. C. J. Fay, and they went back to Connecticut, and remained until 1876, when they returned to Hammonton. Mr. Fairchild becoming manager of Capt. Fay's Centennial Store, just opened. In 1880 he purchased the property on Bellevue, and began the keeping of a grocery store. The property has been lately improved, by extensive additions. Mr. Fairchild has been Town Marshal for a term of years.

C. E. Hall,

Came to Hammonton in December, 1865, from Rockland, Maine, and tried farming on Pine road. Learned the trade of a tinsmith of A. G. Clark, and about the year 1876 bought Mr. Clark's interest in the hardware business, and rented the store now occupied by Wm. Mannice. He carried on his business in this location for about five years, when he purchased what was then known as the Darwin property, corner of Bellevue and Central. The building on the lot was a rather ungainly five-roomed tenement, which Mr. Hall rebuilt and transformed, and arranged as a store and dwelling. In 1887 Mr. Hall purchased a lot on Bellevue adjoining his other property, and erected a two story building, which was fitted up as the furniture and hardware department of the store. Mr. Hall's business has constantly increased, and his block, a cut of which appears in this book, is one of the best business sites in town.

WILLIAM HANEY.

Mr. Haney became a Hammontonian in 1879, coming here from Haddonfield. He opened a barber shop, buying out

Joseph Coast, who was located in a building on the lot now occupied by Miss Newton's store. In 1884 he bought a lot, and erected his present shop and residence. Mr. Haney has one of the best equipped barber shops in South Jersey.

L. W. COGLEY.

Arrived in Hammonton from Troy, N. Y. in October, 1866, and bought a fruit farm on Middle road, now owned by Mr. Gillingham. In 1870 he opened a harness shop in a building which stood where Jackson's meat market is now located. He then moved to a small building on the present site of Simon's bakery, and in 1881 put up a frame building where the present shop is located. He died in 1883, and since that time the business has been carried on by his widow. The shop was burned down in the fall of 1886, and the present brick store was built by Mrs. Cogley.

C. M. COOK.

Among the youngest of our business men is Mr. Cook, who came to Hammonton in 1886. He engaged in the jewelry business in a part of Cochran's store, but his trade became too large for the location, and Mr. Cochran built the present store for him, which he occupied in 1887. Mr. Cook is a graduate of a New York school of optics, and makes a speciality of fitting glasses to diseased and defective eyes. Mr. Cook has as his assistant in his growing business, A. J. Potter.

A. W. COCHRAN.

Mr. Cochran came to Hammonton from Camden, this State in 1879. After graduating from the College of Pharmacy, he opened a drug store in the rooms now occupied by W. F. Bassett & Son in the Rutherford building. In 1882 he purchased the lot corner Second and Bellevue, and the following year built the store and residence which he now occupies. In the fall of last year he built an addition to and otherwise improved the building.

SAMUEL ANDERSON, SR.

Is a native of Philadelphia where he was born in 1822. Reaching his majority he engaged in business in that city for some years. He moved to Hammonton in March, 1860,

and bought the farm on Middle road now occupied by him. In August 1877 he began the flour and feed business, at the present location corner Bellevue and Second. The business has always been under the management of his son, John C. Anderson.

N. D. PAGE.

In 1887 Mr. Page, just arrived in Hammonton from St. Lawrence county, New York, opened his photograph gallery in the Rutherford building. He is a first-class operator and his excellent work has brought him a good business from Hammonton and the surrounding country. In fact Mr. Page's pictures will compare favorably with those made by city artists. The cuts which illustrate this history, were made from photographs taken by Mr. Page.

WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.

Mr. Rutherford fought in the war of the rebellion, and after that unpleasantness lived in Bath, New York, from which place he came to Hammonton in 1872. He purchased the lot on Bellevue, where his present building stands. At that time the lot was planted to grape vines, and these were cleared off and the building erected. Mr. Rutherford is an earnest believer in the future greatness of Hammonton.

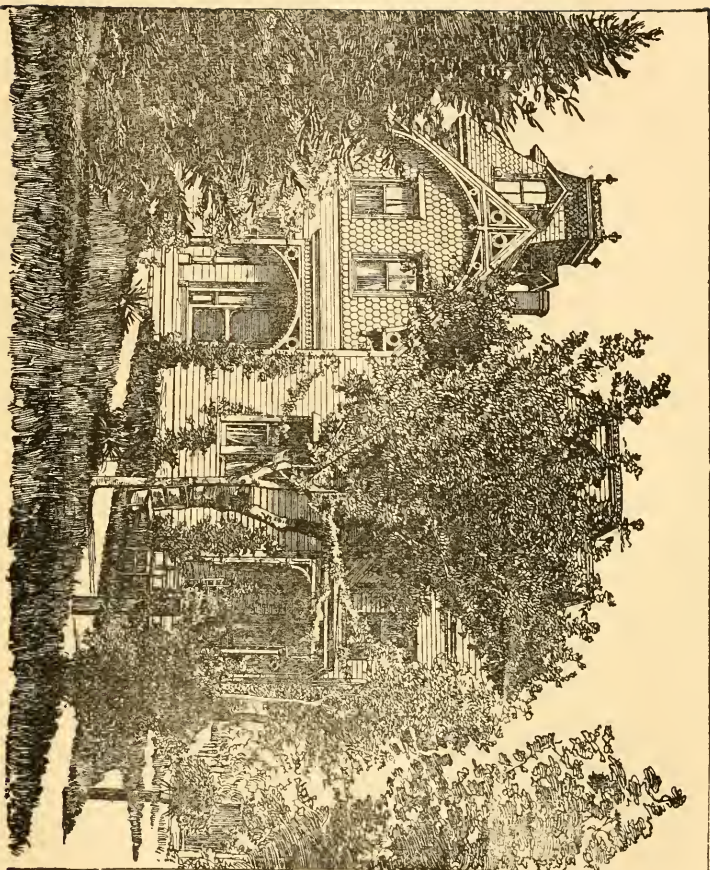
W. D. PACKER.

Mr. Packer was born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1819. He began business by keeping a temperance hotel. Spent about ten years in Providence, R. I., and in 1865 came to Hammonton. For two years he led the life of a farmer, and in 1867 opened the restaurant at the present stand. In 1869 Mr. Packer started the first bakery in this section, and experienced all the struggles incident to a new calling in a new town.

C. P. HILL.

Mr. Hill used to be a Yankee tin peddler, making his trips through Western Vermont and Eastern New York. In 1865 he moved from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., to Hammonton. In 1868 he left the town, and after visiting several places, and finding none equal to Hammonton, he returned in 1872, and the following year opened the restaurant on Bellevue avenue.

RESIDENCE OF DR. J. M. PEEBLES.





RESIDENCE OF JUDGE BYRNES.



J. C. BROWNING'S BROODING HOUSE.

His son Herbert succeeded to the business in 1884, and Mr. Hill has since given his attention to working up a trade for commission houses in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

C. J. FAY.

The late Captain Fay was born near Lexington, Mass., in 1809, and followed the sea until 1845, when he opened a large hotel in Maine. In 1859 he came to Hammonton, and purchased the entire block of land running from the Camden & Atlantic Railroad to Third Street, down to Pleasant, and much of the land on the opposite side of Bellevue. He built a part of the old building. In this he manufactured his patent hay press. He also opened a variety store. About 1870 he sold out to his son George W., who now carries on the drug business. Capt. Fay died in 1880. He was an extensive inventor and manufacturer of patented articles, having invented hay presses, a folding saw horse, etc. Some of these articles are now manufactured by Capt. Fay's son in Camden.

ELLIOT J. WOOLLEY.

Elliot J. Woolley, who in 1888 erected the first double three story brick block in Hammonton, came here in the fall of 1866. He was born in Westminster, Vt., April 15th, 1824; during his infancy his parents moved to Watertown, N. Y. In 1845 he married Eleanor P. Pay, and shortly after removed to Windsor, Vt., where they spent two years and then located in Wisconsin, going thence back to Watertown, N. Y., and from there to Washington, Iowa in 1854, where he engaged in the manufacture of portable steam engines and saw mill machinery. He then learned the watchmaking business under one of the most competent workmen in the West. Attracted East through an advertisement of Hammonton published in the New York *Herald*, he came here and purchased the property then known as the Penobscot House, the only hotel in the town. After making necessary alterations he occupied the place as a store and dwelling until the spring of 1888 when the old building was removed to Vine Street, and replaced by a handsome brick block which was completed

October 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley are occupying a portion of the new building as a store and dwelling.

JOHN T. FRENCH.

The proprietor of the Hammonton Paint Works, was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, March 2nd, 1851. In 1867, having learned his trade, he began his career as a journeyman painter, which he followed for a number of years. In 1877 Mr. French came to Hammonton, and wielded the brush successfully until 1883, when he began the manufacture of prepared paints. The products of the Hammonton Paint Works are so popular at home that more than two hundred houses in the town have been painted with French's paint. The sale for his various brands of paint is constantly increasing, and they have found their way to different parts of the country. Mr. French has a large store in Atlantic City at No. 2202 Atlantic Avenue, from which he sells large quantities of his goods. The Paint Works are one of the recognized institutions of Hammonton, of which our people are deservedly proud. Mr. French's mother died when he was a mere lad, since which time he has fought his way alone in the world. For several years previous to learning his trade he worked on a farm, some of the time in Camden county this State.

ANDREW J. KING.

Was born Dec., 1828, in Wilton, five miles north of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Taught a district school when sixteen in his native town. Attended the State Normal School at Albany in 1847-8. Married July 4, 1848. Was admitted to the bar of New York when twenty-one at Saratoga Springs. Practiced law there till 1852 when he moved to Illinois. Practiced law there 10 years, when health failing he moved with his family—wife and two children—across the plains with his own teams to California, in 1862. Though admitted to the bar his health never permitted him to practice his profession there. After remaining in Napa City about three years, he returned, by the way of Panama, to New York and the home of his father, who was then old and infirm and

needed his care. On his father's decease, he purchased the old homestead, and remained there some three years; but the climate proved too severe, and he was compelled to seek a milder climate. Hearing of the healthfulness of Hammonton he visited it in the fall of 1868, with a view of securing a home for the Winter and returning to the old homestead in the Spring. Arriving at Hammonton in the evening, he looked around the next day, and the day after he purchased in two or three hours after seeing it the premises he now lives upon, and never returned to the old homestead to live. In 1871, he lost his left arm by falling under the cars and getting it run over. Here his health improved, and he has been able to practice his profession since 1874.

WILLIAM F. BASSETT.

Mr. Bassett is a native of Ashfield, Mass., where he was born in 1825. For a number of years he led a farmer's life, and also acted the practical part of a Yankee school teacher. In 1862 he moved to Vineland, then in its infancy. He started the first store in that town, and for a year kept the post office in his store. In the spring of 1864, Mr. Bassett came to Hammonton, locating where he now lives on Bellevue avenue. In 1868 he started in the nursery business, which calling he has followed ever since. Mr. Bassett introduced the Agriculturist strawberry into this vicinity, paying a fabulous price for one thousand plants. He is the senior member of the firm of Wm. F. Bassett & Sons, seedsmen, nurserymen and florists.

JOHN SCULLIN,

The agent of the Fruit Growers' Association, was born in Utica, N. Y. in 1825, and while he was a boy his parents moved to Colchester, Vt. He worked on a farm during his boyhood, and followed mercantile life for some years until he came to Hammonton in 1867. Arriving here he bought the place on Basin road where he now resides. At that time there was practically nothing but a wilderness in that part of the town. He now owns his home farm of thirty acres, and two other farms besides. Mr. Scullin is the most successful

raiser of apples in Hammonton, his heavily loaded orchard of perfect fruit was a sight to behold last Fall.

EDWIN R. SPROUL.

Mr. Sproul was born in Bangor, Maine, in 1830, but his parents moved to New York while he was a small child, and there he grew to manhood and lived and labored until 1876, when he moved to Hammonton. For ten years he was in the government employ, with headquarters in New York. His farm on Basin Road was then in a 'wild state, and although without previous experience as a farmer, Mr. Sproul set himself vigorously at the task of making the wilderness blossom as the rose. He now has a fine farm, and one of our handsomest rural residences. He was president of the Park Association one year, was a director of the Association until the town purchased the park; a member of the Board of Freeholders two years, and director of that body for one year. Mr. Sproul is serving his second term as President of the Fruit Grower's Union, and is also one of the Commissioners of Appeal of the town.

L. BEVERAGE.

Councilman Beverage was born in North Haven, Maine, in 1842. He followed the sea, coasting, and in 1864 enlisted in the navy. At the close of the war he returned to his home and former occupation. In 1868 he moved to Jersey, settling at Elwood, and living the life of a sailor as in Maine. He finally learned shoe making, and in 1883 came to Hammonton, since which time he has worked in Osgood & Co.'s factory. Was appointed a member of Council last Fall to fill vacancy caused by death of St. Paul Seeley, and was re-elected at the Spring election in 1889.

A. J. SMITH.

Our present Town Clerk was born in Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, in 1845; came to Hammonton when 15 years of age. Learned the mason's trade under his father. In 1865 he was employed as the agent here of the Camden & Atlantic Rail Road serving in that position about three years. His predecessors in that office were Jos. Miller, from Maine,

Lewis Evans, our present County Clerk, and Wm. Brace, brother of F. R. Brace, of Camden County, and his successor was Russel Moore who held the position for fifteen or sixteen years. Mr. Smith resigned his position as railroad agent to enter the firm of T. J. Smith & Son, lumber dealers, continuing in that business until 1875. Since that time has been in the real estate and conveyancing business, working occasionally at his trade. Was Secretary of the Hammonton Loan and Building Association for thirteen years, and is at present a director in the same, and also of the People's Bank and the Hammonton Cranberry Association. Has held the position of Town Clerk for eleven years. Has been a candidate for Sheriff and County Clerk of Atlantic County, on the Prohibition ticket.

C. F. OSGOOD & Co.

Cyrus F. Osgood, senior member of the above firm, was born at Auburn, Maine, Sept. 10, 1841. At the age of twenty he went to Lynn, Mass., the great shoe manufacturing metropolis, and soon after his arrival, enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, under Col. King, of Boston. At the close of the war, Mr. Osgood returned to Lynn, and learned the business of shoe manufacturing, and in 1870 came to Philadelphia. The year following found him in Elwood, as superintendent of a factory in that village. In 1872 he came to Hammonton, and in company with Calvin Johnson, began the manufacture of shoes, in the DePuy building. After a year, Mr. Osgood bought out Johnson, and took in T. B. Tilton and William Black, and the firm did business as Osgood, Black and Tilton. At the end of a year and a half Mr. Osgood withdrew, and formed a partnership with Ex-Sheriff E. D. Redman. The firm of Osgood and Redman conducted their business in a part of the building now occupied by John Murdoch, for about six months, and then moved to the building occupied by Whiffen Bros. & Co. Another year and a half passed, when Mr. Osgood sold his interest to Henry Poyer. Mr. Osgood is the present Postmaster of Hammonton. He is a firm believer in the maxim

that everlastingly keeping at it brings success. William J. Smith, the junior member of the firm, was born in Millbridge Maine, in 1855, and came to Hammonton with his parents in 1860, learned the shoe manufacturing business of C. F. Osgood, and entered the firm in 1878.

WHIFFEN BROS. & Co.

This firm of shoe manufacturers is composed of Jesse, Harry, and Edward Whiffen. and David S. Cunningham. The brothers are natives of Christ Church, Hampshire, England, where Jesse was born in 1840, Harry in 1843 and Edward in 1845. They learned the business of shoe manufacturing in the old country, and all came to America in 1872, and located in New York. In about a year they went to Philadelphia, and began the manufacture of shoes in that city. In 1884 the Whiffens bought the shoe manufacturing business of T. B. Tilton in this place. Edward Whiffen is the originator and joint inventor of the Whiffen-Lake lasting machine, an ingenious device for quickly and neatly lasting shoes. David S. Cunningham, the junior member of the firm, was born in Philadelphia in 1858, and in 1863 became a resident of Vineland, his parents having moved to that place. In 1879 he began work for Whiffen Bros. in their Philadelphia factory, and in 1883 was taken into the firm, and in 1884 came to Hammonton to take charge of the factory here.

WILLIAM MANNICE.

He is a native of Philadelphia, and became a resident of Hammonton in 1870. Learned shoe making of Osgood, Black & Co., and after that followed his trade, working for Osgood & Co. for a number of years. January, 1888 in company with John Galigne, opened a shoe store, connected with which was a repairing and order department. In July, 1888, Mr. Galigne withdrew from the firm and in the Fall Mr. Mannice put in additional machinery, and since then has given his attention almost exclusively to manufacturing.

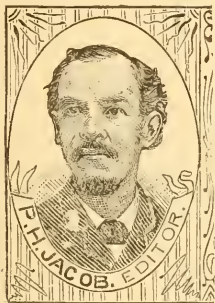
JUSTIN S. THAYER.

Mr. Thayer is a native of New Hampshire, and was born in Richmond that state in 1844. He came to Hammonton in

1860, and in 1861 went back to New Hampshire, and brought back his parents. In the fall of the latter year he enlisted in the army, and after four years' service returned to Hammon-ton and learned the carpenter's trade of his father, one of the old fashioned practical mechanics. He began business for himself as a contractor and builder in 1880, and has met with good success. Mr. Thayer during 1888, erected buildings in town and made repairs to the value of \$22,000.

P. H. JACOBS.

Mr. Jacobs was born in Richmond, Va., April 24, 1841. He lived with his grandfather, on a slave plantation until the war broke out, when espousing the cause of the Union, he enlisted and served three years in the United States army, as hospital steward, commissiary sergeant and quarter



master sergeant. When the war closed he took up his residence in Philadelphia, and was foreman of the book department of the Lisenrings printing house, and was also for a time foreman of Morrell Brothers' establishment. Was offered the position of editor of *Farmers' Magazine*, Parkesburg, Pa., and afterwards of the agricultural department of *Philadelphia Record*. Was selected to edit the *Poultry Keeper*, and afterwards, in

connection with Mr. A. H. Potts, purchased it. At present is editor of *Poultry Keeper*, *Farmers' Magazine*, and agricultural department of the *Philadelphia Record*. Has charge of poultry department of *Farm and Fireside*. Springfield, O., *American Rural Home*, Rochester, N. Y., *Mirror and Farmer*, Manchester, N. H., and a regular contributor to *American Agriculturist*, *Rural New Yorker* and *Philadelphia Weekly Press*. Has resided in Hammonton about ten years, and has largely used the above papers to advertise our town.

A. H. SIMONS.

Mr. Simons was born in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1860, and when three years of age his parents moved to Hammonton.

April 24, 1886, with S. E. Brown, started the bakery business. Mr. Brown soon sold his interest to J. C. Browning. Mr. Browning remained in the firm a short time when Mr. Simons succeeded to the business. In about three months after this event his bakery was burned down, but in about four weeks he had another oven up ready for business. Upon the completion of Black's block he established himself there which has since been his location.

D. F. LAWSON.

Mr. Lawson is the surviving member of the firm of Jones & Lawson, Mr. Jones having died in the Spring of 1888. The firm was established in 1884. Since that time as contractors and builders they have put up buildings in town valued at \$50,000. Last year Mr. Lawson's business amounted to about \$15,000.

ANDREWS & ROBERTS.

Henry E. Andrews, senior member of the firm, was born in Medford, Burlington county, in 1839. Enlisted in the army in 1861, and served four years. In 1869 became superintendent of the Hammonton Cranberry Meadows, which position he held for fifteen years. Came to Hammonton in 1884. He still carries on the cranberry business. The firm was formed in Feb., 1889, when they bought O. E. Moore's stand, and opened a grocery and provision store. Frank E. Roberts, the firm's junior member, was born in Portland, Me., in 1858. At the age of seventeen entered the store of George Elvins, and remained in his employ until February of this year.

J. O. RANSOM.

The Main Road Nurseryman, was born in Plymouth, Chautauquo county, New York, in 1818. At the age of fifteen, his father moved to Chautauqua county, and a year later young Ransom entered a dry goods store in Jamestown as clerk. In 1837 he started on a trip West and South, and went as far as New Orleans. He clerked and taught school for about two years in the Red River country. But his health broke down, and he started for his father's house in York State, riding the

whole distance of 1,600 miles on horse-back. In the Spring of 1840 he opened a general store in Smyrna, New York, where he remained for twenty-three years. His health again failing, he came to Hammonton in 1866, and was greatly benefitted by the climate, and now enjoys good health for a man over seventy years of age. Has been in the nursery business here for over twenty years.

CURTIS S. NEWCOMB.

Mr. Newcomb was born in Courtland county, New York, in 1843. Was mostly engaged in farming and stock raising until he came to Hammonton in 1874, and settled on the farm he now owns on Middle road. In 1888 was elected school trustee, and also member of the Town Council, and re-elected to the latter position in 1889. Mr. Newcomb deals extensively in butter, shipping it from York state, and selling it to the trade. Has sold over seven tons since last September.

PETER S. TILTON.

Was born in Bakersville, Atlantic County, N. J. in 1823. Was a farmer for several years, and in 1864 came to Hammonton, and opened a general store. Mr. Tilton took his son Wilber R. in the firm, which is now P. S. Tilton & Son. Wilber R. is the cashier of the People's Bank, holds other responsible positions, and is a young man very highly esteemed by the people of the town.

S. E. BROWN.

Samuel E. Brown, of S. E. Brown & Co., was born in Elmira, New York. Came to Hammonton with his parents in 1865, and worked on his father's farm. Was operator at Hammonton station on the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railway for about seven years. Has been a member of the school board since 1883. Began the hardware business in August, 1886.

CHARLES WOODNUTT.

Mr. Woodnutt, is one of the members of the Town Council. Was born in Salem, N. J., Jan. 14th, 1836. By profession he is a dentist, which calling he followed for twelve

years. Mr. Woodnutt was prominent in the Grange movement when it first started some seventeen years ago, at which time he was a resident of Cumberland county. He came to Hammonton in the spring of 1883. Is one of the directors of the Fruit Growers' Union.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

John Atkinson was born in Philadelphia, but has been a resident of New Jersey most of the time since 1837. He came to Hammonton in 1875. Has been a justice of the peace for fifteen years, and a Hammonton justice since 1885. Is also a commissioner of deeds. Served for three years in the army during the rebellion.

Mrs. D. Arlitz came to Hammonton in 1885, and soon after moved their Philadelphia store to this place, locating in Fay's building. In November, 1888, moved to one of the commodious stores in Woolley's brick block.

A. A. Butler moved from Marlton in the Spring of 1888, and opened a barber shop corner of Bellevue and Third street, and now has an attractive shaving saloon.

Miss C. E. Newton began the millinery business in what is now the bank building in 1886. In a few months her increasing business compelled her to seek larger quarters, when she moved to her present location in Black's brickblock.

H. M. Trowbridge was born in West Chester County, New York, in 1857, and came to Hammonton with his parents in 1874. The store he now keeps was opened by his father J. L. Trowbridge in 1875.

W. H. French, who keeps the Lake View Nursery, was born in Hallowell, Maine, in 1849. Came to Hammonton in 1880, and in 1881 embarked in the nursery business, and has met with gratifying success.

W. H. Burgess, our Road Superintendent, was born at Vinal Haven, Maine, in 1853. Came to Hammonton in 1862. In 1877 visited nearly all the Western States and decided to make his home in Hammonton.

CHAPTER IX.

THE NEWSPAPER, FARMING, POULTRY AND MANUFACTURING INTERESTS OF HAMMONTON.

THE first newspaper publication in Hammonton, was the *Hammonton Farmer*, which was issued by Judge Byrnes, as a monthly, for about four years. It was devoted largely to a record of sales and improvements of real estate. The paper was discontinued upon the establishment of a weekly paper in town.

SOUTH JERSEY REPUBLICAN.

The *Republican* was first issued at Absecon, August 15, 1863, with D. B. Snow as editor. It appeared regularly in that town until February, 1866, and on the third of that month the plant having been transferred to Hammonton, its issue of that date was dated and printed here. We believe the plant of the paper was purchased by some of the citizens of the place, and at the end of the year, Mr. Snow had done so well he was given a bill of sale of the plant in fee simple. February 26th, 1870, Mr. Snow sold the paper to J. S. Cordery, who had been associated with him in conducting the paper. Mr. Cordery continued in the business until November, 1872, when he sold it to Dr. H. E. Bowles. The Doctor was an old time printer as well as a medical practitioner, a native of Western New York. He had served in the army. The Doctor remained in the journalistic harness until 1880, when he sold his paper to Orville E. Hoyt, the present proprietor. Dr. Bowles is still a resident of Hammonton, and is the Coroner of the county. Mr. Hoyt is a native of Mauch Chunk, Penna. Entered the army in 1864, and came to Hammonton in 1865, and in 1870 went to Michigan, and was foreman of the *Ypsilanti Commercial*, and from 1876 to 1880 published the *Dexter Leader* in that State when he returned to Ham-

monton to take charge of the *Republican* as above stated. He has been collector and treasurer of the town for some years. The *Republican* is a five column quarto, subscription price \$1.25 a year. The *Republican* office has a job printing department connected with it.

In the fall of 1878, Gen. Joseph Barbieri, of Tennessee, who served in the confederate army, started the *Hammonton Times*. It had a short career, when it was moved to Atlantic City, and was the beginning of the *Times* now published at that place.

THE ATLANTIC MIRROR.

The *Mirror* was started in 1879 as *The Hornet*, an amateur sheet, about the size of a sheet of note paper, by Dion E. Woolley. It grew with its growth and strengthened with its strength, contending with opposition and prejudice. In 1882 it was sold to A. H. Whitmore, by whom its name was changed to the *Atlantic County Mirror*. It was also enlarged and advanced on the road of journalistic progress. Mr. Whitmore sold the paper in 1887 to G. A. Crichton, who dropped the *County* from its name, and left it as the *Atlantic Mirror* as it now stands. In June 1888 the paper and plant were purchased by Dr. J. M. Peebles, and H. W. Wilbur was selected as its editorial manager. W. B. Hand, a native of Cumberland county, was secured to attend to the canvassing, news gathering and outside business. We may honestly and modestly remark that the paper has been improved in various ways, and its patronage increased during the year. Messrs Wilbur and Hand operate a large book and job printing office with steam power, in connection with the *Mirror*, although it is not a part of the plant. The *Mirror* is independent in politics, and is furnished at \$1 a year.

THE POULTRY GUIDE AND FRIEND

is the first poultry journal ever printed in Hammonton. It was started in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1880, by its present proprietor, Michael K. Boyer. In 1886 J. Frank Mancha, of the Claremont (Va.) colony, held out inducements to Mr. Boyer to remove it to that place, where it flourished until

May, 1888, when sickness compelled the publisher to get back North. Hammonton being a very prominent poultry town he chose this location, and ever since it has been published here. Mr. Boyer reports his success here as simply phenomenal, having more than tripled both his subscription and advertising patronage. The paper is devoted to poultry and pets, issued monthly, and only 25 cents a year. Outside of the editing of his paper, Mr. Boyer is on the editorial staff



MICHAEL K. BOYER.

of the *Texas Farm and Ranch* and *Germantown Telegraph*, and engaged as a specialist on the *American Agriculturist*, *Farm and Home*, *Godey's Lady's Book*, and other publications. He is at present establishing an experimental farm for poultry and pets, using both the natural and artificial styles of incubation with his fowls.

Mr. Boyer is a young man yet, born in Reading, Pa., July 14th, 1858, making him not quite 31 years of age. Ever since his residence here he has been working hard for the advancement of our town's interests, and is becoming a valuable citizen. The *Poultry Guide and Friend* is printed at the office of the *Atlantic Mirror*.

SHOE MANUFACTURING.

The business of manufacturing shoes has been an important industry in Hammonton for a number of years. Various establishments of the kind have existed here since the business was first begun, and a number of ill advised experiments failed and went their way. The business is now upon the bed rock, substantial men being engaged in it, and their enterprise is a credit to the town, and a source of profit and prosperity to them.

Whiffen Bros. & Co., started a branch of their Philadelphia factory here in 1884, and the following year their entire manufacturing interests were transferred to this place. Their factory is well fitted out with all the most approved shoe making machinery, and has a capacity of 500 adult and 300 infants', children's and misses' shoes a day. They have an office and salesroom at 136 Market street, Philadelphia.

The firm of C. F. Osgood & Co., was formed in 1878, and consisted of C. F. Osgood, W. J. Smith and C. Small. They began business over Fay's drug store. In 1881 C. Small sold his interest to J. B. Small, who remained in the firm until 1884, when he withdrew, leaving Messrs. Osgood and Smith as the sole proprietors. In 1885 the commodious new factory was erected and occupied. Osgood & Co., have been doing a constantly increasing business, and have one of the best arranged and equipped shoe factories in New Jersey. When working a full force they are able to turn out 1,800 pairs of adults' and 300 pairs of children's shoes a day.

FRUIT GROWING AND FARMING.

The adaptability of the soil and climate of Hammonton for the raising of all kinds of fruit, has been demonstrated by more than a quarter of a century of successful effort on that line, and now the annual product of fruit is simply prodigious. Last year the town's blackberry crop picked and marketed amounted to 2,500,000 quarts; of strawberries we marketed 700,000 quarts, and of raspberries upwards of 300,000 quarts, and of grapes, 100,000 pounds. There are in town 833 acres of cranberry bogs in bearing, last year's crop

of which amounted to 100,000 bushels. The pear crop aggregated over 5,000 bushels, and of this fruit many large orchards have not yet reached full bearing. There was paid to berry pickers alone last year, by the farmers of Hammonton, in the neighborhood of \$50,000, for simply picking the berry crop from the vines and bushes.

The farmers of the place, as a class, enjoy reasonable prosperity, and while all have not proved successful in grabbing the nimble sixpence to their heart's content, the "ne'r-dowells" are a small minority. Many of the farmers came here with nothing, and in commencing heroically shouldered debt, and have conquered success from threatened disaster.

Z. U. Matthews, from his small farm, reports having cleared last year, the snug sum of \$1,000.

D. Colwell, whose pear crop amounted last year to about 300 barrels, a net income of \$1,000. Mr. Colwell came here twenty-one years ago, and at that time his farm was heavily mortgaged. That has all been paid off, and money in the treasury. Mr. Colwell is a member of the Town Council. He came from Buffalo, N. Y.

L. Monfort came here in 1859, and in 1866 took up his present farm from the stump. To get started he had to mortgage his place. He has fifteen acres in pears. The mortgage was paid off long ago, and has money invested. The buildings on his farm are first-class. His pear crop netted him \$1,500 last year, and he believes it will continue to pay him six per cent. on the value of his farm, over and above expenses, and support of family.

W. A. Elvins netted last year about \$3,000 on twenty-five acres of blackberries, and ten of strawberries.

D. Campanella is an Italian, and owns 130 acres. Eleven years ago, as he puts it, he began with "nothing and an old horse." He now owns his farm, with good buildings, clear of debt, and is yearly making money.

The above are not unusual examples of thrift and prosperity, as many others may be found, but we do not pretend that money can be made without hard work and good management.

We simply claim that Hammonton offers good advantages for the industrious and capable to get along in the world.

OUR POULTRY INTERESTS.

During the past few years, the raising of chickens for "broilers" to tickle the palates of the epicures of the large cities and fashionable resorts, has become a profitable industry, and Hammonton has achieved a national reputation as the largest "broiler" town in the country.

The raising of these broilers has revolutionized the chicken business, as the setting hen as the hatcher and brooder of chickens has been superseded by the artificial process. Under the modern plan, chicken raising has been reduced to a science, and that it contains ample return for labor, skill and profit invested, has been amply demonstrated in Hammonton.

The modern process involves hatching the chicks in incubators by means of artificial heat, applied in various ways. Of the making of incubators there seems to be no end, and almost every conceivable kind is in use here. In the single machines the heat is derived from a lamp, and it is claimed that these machines, properly attended, will produce a chicken from every fertile egg. When hatched the chickens are cared for in brooders, also artificially warmed, and the success of the business may be said to largely lie in the skill with which the chicks are cared for and fed, after being consigned to the care of these artificial mothers.

There are about twenty-five persons in town, more or less extensively engaged in raising broilers for the market, their capacity ranging from a few hundred, to several thousand during the season. Harry M. Phillips, who is the largest broiler raiser, has a mammoth establishment, his brooder house being 300 feet long, with a capacity of 7,000 chicks. Mr. Phillips' establishment is fitted up with all the ingenious devices and improvements which a successful experience has demonstrated as necessary to the business. J. C. Browning is also a large producer of broilers. Both he and Mr. Phillips heat their large establishments from steam boilers. Other



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large broiler raisers are C. E. Howe, G. W. Pressey, James Seely, Chadwick & Berry, Henry Niccoali, Frank Hopping, Mr. Edsall, R. G. White, A. M. Millan, George Swank, Capt. Rickard.

The market for broilers begins the first of January, and closes the last of June, so that most of the work is done when the other farm interests do not press themselves for attention. It is believed that a fair estimate will place Hammonton's production of broilers for the year at 25,000, and the price brought, while varying, it is thought will average in the neighborhood of 75 cents each for the season. The market is quite fastidious, and not a little fickle in its demands, requiring the chicks when divested of their feathers to weigh from a pound and a half, to two pounds each, the profit being larger on a large than a small chicken.

The broiler business is a source of profit to those who are successful in it, but it is a business requiring work, patience and watchfulness, to bring the best returns. Not every person engaging in it makes a success, and those who do find their results proportioned to the capital invested, and the intelligent attention given the business. The location and climate of Hammonton, with the fact that here may be had an associated experience, makes the success much more certain, than new and isolated experiments are likely to prove elsewhere.

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS.

Edwin Jones, the butcher was born in Delaware County, Pa., and came to Hammonton in 1878, buying the farm which he now owns. Began butchering in 1886, and opened his market in June, 1888.

William Black was born in Booth Bay, Maine, in 1829. For some time he carried on the drug business in Augusta. First settled in Hammonton on Fairview avenue. Was elected a director of the Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railway in 1885, and only recently resigned on account of poor health. He first opened his store at the present stand of S. E. Brown & Co. Was also engaged in the shoe business,

and in 1878 bought out A. G. Clark at his present stand. He has held nearly all the offices in town during his residence here, and was treasurer of Workingmen's Loan and Building Association for over eight years.

George F. Saxton, was born in Williston, Vt., in 1827, where he followed farming until 1865, when he came to Hammonton, buying the place on Central avenue where he now resides. In 1869 he opened a coal yard, which business he has followed ever since.

John Walther is a native of Germany, and was born in 1849. Came to America in 1853 with his parents, who settled at Lumberton, N. J. Learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1879 came to Hammonton, and opened a shop where the carriage factory now stands. Howard L. Irons was born at New Egypt, this State in 1851. His parents moved to Toms River in 1860, and there he learned the wheelwright's trade. Came to Hammonton in 1884, worked for Alex. Aitken about a year, and in 1885 the firm of Walther & Irons was formed.

Among the manufacturing industries of Hammonton, may be mentioned the woollen mills operated by Messrs. Evans and Moore. They manufacture flannel cloth of a standard grade, which finds ready sale in the mining districts of Pennsylvania.

C. E. Fowler, at the lake, has a well equipped machine shop. He manufactures the Hammonton Incubator and Pressey Brooder. In connection with his brother Horace, of Philadelphia, he has nearly completed an original baker, which takes the raw dough and prepares and bakes it automatically.

T. B. Drown was born in Kennebunk, Me., and learned the carpenter's trade in Boston. Worked at his trade in that city until he came to Hammonton in 1866. Worked at his trade here, and for a time in Camden, and in 1881 returned here and built his present residence. In 1884 was made foreman of Bernshouse's mill. Was elected a member of Council in 1885, and has been chairman of that body for two

years. Served in the war, and is a member of the Grand Army Post.

Major C. M. Jordan was born in Roxbury, Mass. in 1834. Most of his life was spent in business in Boston and vicinity. Was five years postmaster at Somerville, Mass., and for fifteen years was employed in the Boston post office. On the breaking out of the war he enlisted, and was major of the First Massachusetts Regiment. Served three years and four months, and was mustered out in very poor health. Came to Hammonton in 1886. Is justice of the peace, commissioner of deeds, and is engaged in the auctioneer and real estate business.

Among our successful farmers is P. H. Brown, a native of Steuben county, New York. Previous to 1863 Mr. Brown spent most of his time teaching in New York state and Illinois. Shortly after the war broke out he left his profession in Illinois on account of poor health, and came to Hammonton. In 1865 he moved here with his family, and settled on the farm, corner of Basin and Main roads, where he engaged successfully in fruit raising until 1884, when he sold, came into the village and built his present handsome residence. Shortly after this he purchased 120 acres of wild land about two and one-half miles south-east of the village. He has cleared sixty-four acres, and has fine peach and pear orchards and large blackberry, raspberry and strawberry fields, and withal a very fine farm. Mr. Brown is nearly seventy years of age, and has lots of faith in the capabilities of our soil and the excellence of our climate.

Wm. Bernshouse, the proprietor of the steam planing mill and sash and blind factory, was born in Fathinga, Prussia, March 30th, 1834, and landed in New York, August 12th, 1837. His father was a cabinet maker, and soon moved to Philadelphia where he worked at his trade for some time. In September, 1848, moved to New Germany, about three miles from this place, and William chopped wood for the Winslow Glass Works. After two years went to Philadelphia, and

worked in Burgess' glass factory. In March, 1852, apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter's trade. Started business for himself in 1855, after having served his time as an apprentice. In 1864 and '65 followed the butcher business, and supplied Hammonton, Winslow and New Germany with meat. Bought the mill property November 13th, 1875, and has carried on the same ever since. Has built hotels, factories, farm buildings and fine residences throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.



Col. Daniel Stone, who is represented in the adjoining cut, is a native of New York state, and is forty-seven years old. He spent some time in the great west, where he now has real estate interests. For some time he was general field manager of the Claremont, Va., Colony, and in August of last year came to Hammonton to act as selling agent for Judge Byrnes. Since coming here the

Colonel has sold several farms and a good many town lots.

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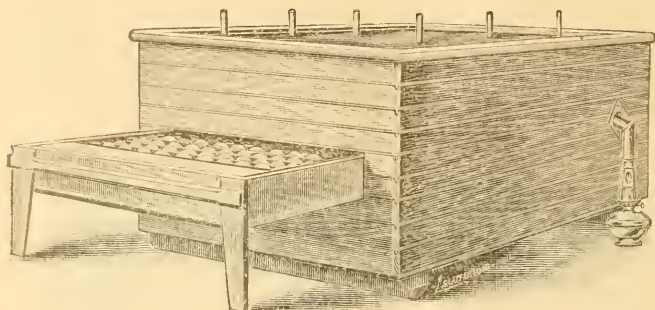
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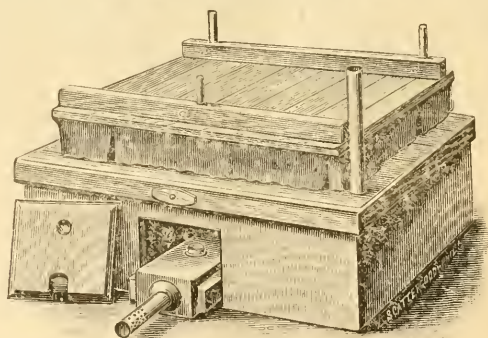
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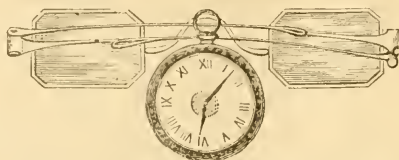
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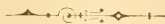
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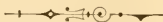
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
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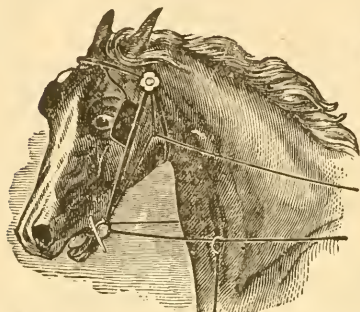
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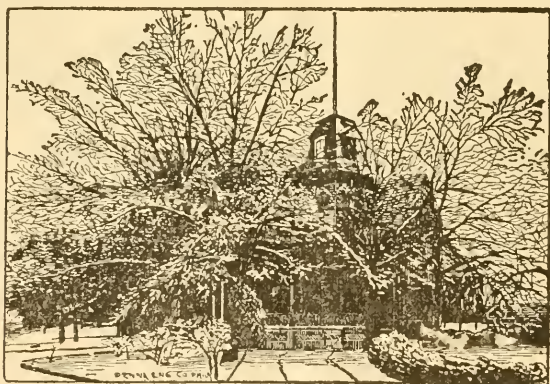
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